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Bangladesh potter weeps for a son lost in the great flood

From Ahmed Fazl
Dhamrai

Mr Sunil Karmakar, who has spent 25 of his 40 years firing clay pots in his Bangladeshi village not far from the ancient Buddhist town of Dhamrai, has just returned home from a flood relief camp to find a few bamboo poles jutting out of the silty soil where his mudwalled hut stood.

A couple of bricks in the courtyard reminded him of the kiln that he inherited from his father.

But the tears which fill Mr Karmakar's eyes are not for his paternal kiln nor for his hut, but for the son, aged four, whom he could not save from the rushing water which had sumberged his village for the past two weeks.

He explained: "We were all on the roof when water as high as seven feet washed everything away."

Mr Karmakar, his wife and three daughters, are among the two million people in Bangladesh who have been made homeless by the most devastating floods in 40 years.

About 24 million people have been displaced by the catastrophe, triggered after monsoon rains pounded the sedimentary plains for weeks. Cloudbursts to the north, in the foothills of the Himalayas in Nepal, swelled the rivers far to the south in bangladesh, which open into the Bay of Bengal.

"I have never seen so much water in my life," said Mr Karmakar, who was rescued by an Army boat after he had survived on the roof, hungry and thirsty, for two days.

The Karmakars consider themselves lucky because their loss is less than their neighbours', whose three children have been missing since the water from the River Padma engulfed the village.

The first signs of the catastrophe were seen early in August when Rangpur, Dinajpur and Gaibandha districts in northern Bangladesh became a vast sheet of water, turning thousands into refugees overnight. Hundreds of families fled their homes and took shelter on the dry lands of railway embankments.

The Government and local Red Cross opened relief camps, but the majority remained stranded in inundated villages for weeks because they could not be transported for lack of boats.

The Army was called out when the civilian administration found itself overwhelmed by the huge numbers of refugees.

The official death toll rose to 690 yesterday as 15 more people died in a diarrhoeal epidemic. Government doctors are fighting a losing battle against the disease, which is being spread by contaminated water.

Although the casualty figure is relatively low, the devastation has been extensive. Official estimates say about that two million tonnes of food grain have been lost and more than 25 thousand cattle killed as waves of floodwater engulfed one district after another.

Families such as the Karmakars, who have become destitute, have to be fed for the next two months before another harvest is available. This will require an additional 450 thousand tonnes of rice or wheat immediately from abroad if the spectre of a famine stalking the countryside is not to become a reality.

In Dhamrai, which was a bustling town of potters, weavers and rice traders, life has stood still since water entered the main bazaar and flooded houses. Families left their property and rushed to the town school, which was still dry, where the Government opened a relief camp.

As the water level continued to rise, the camp became more crowded and the food scarcer.

Mr Abdul Karim, a local official, said: "There were so many people to feed we could never arrange enough rice."

In the critical days, refugees waited hours for the food packets to be dropped by helicopters when stores were exhausted, and the town was completely cut off from the capital Dhaka, about 45 miles to the west.

The Government has denied emphatically that there have been any deaths from starvation, but the press has reported several fatalities from severe malnutrition. In the worst affected northern districts, hundreds of hungry people staged demonstrations in front of government offices.

President Ershad told envoys of Western and Islamic countries: "We are dealing with an unprecedented disaster."

A senior United Nations official, visiting the flood-affected countryside yesterday, said that the real extent of the damage would be clear only after the water had left the soggy paddyfields.

● LONDON: It is the clearest indication of the tenuous political situation in Bangladesh that President Ershad has not yet declared a state of emergency, even though his country is now suffering the worst floods in its history (Michael Evans writes).

So far, according to authoritative sources, he has simply not dared to make such a move because of its political implications. The main opposition parties, already clamouring for an end to the regime, would view a decision to declare a state of emergency as a step back towards martial law

However, President Ershad has already brought in troops to help rebuild bridges and roads in the north, and at present the signs are that the Government in Dhaka is coping reasonably well.

Benn bids for soul of the Labour Party

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Labour's hard left yesterday emerged from its post-election slumber to announce a big push to capture the soul of its shell-shocked party.

Mr Tony Benn, the veteran socialist campaigner and MP for Chesterfield, told a Westminster press conference that a 500-strong conference in his constituency next month will begin the process of forging a genuine left-wing alternative to Thatcherism.

Mr Arthur Scargill, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Bernie Grant and Mr Eric Heffer are among those sponsoring the conference, being organized by the hard-left Campaign Group of Labour MPs, the Socialist Society and the Conference of Socialist Economists.

Although Mr Benn denied they were indulging in "sectarianism" and were intent on building a new consensus to challenge the undeniable success of the "new right", the move inevitably puts the new grouping on a collision course with Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader.

Mr Kinnock has ordered an urgent policy rethink in the wake of the crushing election defeat and signalled the start of a search for a new brand of socialism aimed at appealing to people as individuals, rather than as members of groups.

The party conference is likely to rubber stamp his call later this month in Brighton and lead to the setting up of specific working parties.

Mr Jeremy Corbyn, MP for Islington North, sitting alongside Mr Benn, said he hoped the Chesterfield conference would succeed in turning the Labour Party into a force demanding socialism "rather than the retreatism that people see at the present time."

With Labour's traditional right pushed to the sidelines as the struggle begins for the future of the party, the stage is set for a bruising clash between Mr Kinnock's ascendant soft left supporters and the hard left, a confrontation that could yet surface at the party conference later this month.

Meanwhile, two of Mr Kinnock's leading supporters, Mr David Blunkett, MP for Sheffield Brightside and a leading member of the national executive committee, and Mr Robin Cook, the chief health spokesman, questioned the hard left's latest attempt to flex its wasting muscles.

Mr Blunkett said that too many people who had attached themselves to the left ticket were either continuing to peddle "narrow issue-based politics" with little relevance to reversing the Thatcherite tide or were advocating the dangerous philosophy of jettisoning inconvenient ideological baggage.

Mr Benn said that while Labour had run a brilliant election campaign it had failed because the leadership lacked grassroots movements and those movements lacked new ideas.

"If you do not have a coherent set of ideas to present to people, you are handicapped in challenging the Government, who do represent a very coherent set of ideas that have established a commanding position in the minds of people."

● Over-emphasis on homosexuals and lesbians caused "immense damage" to Labour's hopes in the general election, according to Mr Denis Healey, the party's most experienced senior politician (Our Political Staff writes).

"A tiny minority of councils gave the impression the only thing we were interested in was gay rights," he said in an interview in the latest edition of a magazine called *Fairly Serious Monthly*.



Frau Monika Rust saying a fond farewell to her son, Mathias, after he was sentenced to four years in a Soviet labour camp yesterday for landing a light aircraft in Red Square.

Hopes rise that Rust may be given early Kremlin pardon

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Intense diplomatic pressure is expected from West Germany to try to secure an early release for Mathias Rust, the 19-year-old pilot from Hamburg sentenced yesterday to four years in a remote labour camp for his daredevil flight to Red Square on May 28.

Soviet dissident sources said that the sentence would be served in the one labour camp reserved exclusively for foreigners. But they predicted that Rust could be the subject of a special Kremlin pardon and allowed home after only a few months. Because the sentence was handed down by the Supreme Court, it is not subject to appeal.

Although the total of the sentences imposed by Judge Robert Tikhomirnov was half that demanded by the Soviet Prosecutor, they proved unpopular with some of the 150 Russians gathered outside.

One 80-year-old woman told *The Times*: "Many of us are unhappy. We wanted him to go home straight away with his mother. The Russian people are not angry with the boy; they knew what he had done was wrong but they did not want such a young man to be sent away like that to a camp. Why did they not just give him a fine?"

A few minutes later, while Frau Monika Rust, the prisoner's mother was addressing an impromptu press conference, a Russian youth showered her with dozens of small paper aircraft, then forced his way to the microphones and said in English that people should urge the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov to pardon him.

The tall, bespectacled Rust appeared curiously unmoved by his sentence. Later, as he said an emotional farewell to his family, he said that he regarded it as "correct."

The family also appeared in remarkably good spirits, leading to speculation that the outline of a possible diplomatic deal might already be known to them.

But hopes of an early pardon for the young pilot appeared to suffer an early setback last night when Tass, the official Soviet news agency published a harshly worded commentary describing his landing close to the Kremlin as "demonstrating special insolence and blatant disregard for the society, rights and traditions of the Soviet people."

Italy prepares to dispatch Gulf task force

From Roger Boyes, Rome

The Italian Government yesterday decided to send a task force to the Gulf in response to the attack on an Italian container ship by Iranian Revolutionary Guards.

The move, subject to parliamentary approval, was proposed by Signor Valerio Zanone, the Defence Minister. It was reported last night that the force would include three mine-sweepers, one or two support vessels – one equipped with a mini-submarine – two frigates and about 500 men.

The Italian Government has been under pressure to react following the attack on Thursday in the northern Gulf on the container vessel Jolly Rubino. A speedboat containing four men drew alongside the Italian ship and fired six rocket-propelled grenades into the bridge of the vessel. Two Italians were injured, including the captain, and the ship has had to dock in Dubai.

Although Iran denies responsibility, the attack is assumed by the Italian authorities to be the work of the Revolutionary Guards. The Italian Foreign Minister, Signor Giulio Andreotti, immediately called in the Iranian Ambassador and a protest has been delivered in Tehran.

Signor Andreotti has been arguing for a multi-national mine-sweeping and protection force under United Nations auspices. Supported by his Christian Democratic Party, he has been striving to avoid direct Italian military involvement. But yesterday the Christian Democrats' four coalition partners – the Socialists, the Social Democrats, the Republicans and Liberals – made it clear that Italy should play a more active role in the Gulf, both to protect its own shipping and to preserve the freedom of navigation.

Britain and the United States have also been talking to Italy in similar terms. If the Italian task force goes ahead it will be a significant addition to the British, French and American ships already in the area. Signor Andreotti has become increasingly isolated in his arguments for a multilateral task force and had been hoping to hold the line at least until Italy takes over the rotating presidency of the UN Security Council next month. That would have been the acid test of whether the United Nations can prove efficient at policing or pacifying the Gulf. However, the direct assault on an Italian ship has created almost insuperable difficulties in maintaining the multilateralist argument.

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●DUBAI: Iran appears to have fired its first Silkworm missile at an Arab country, sending the Chinese-made rocket across the northern waters of the Gulf to land outside Kuwait city (Our Own Correspondent writes).

Kuwaiti government officials said the missile had exploded at 4am yesterday on the coastline, scarcely two miles from the offshore oil terminal at Al-Ahmadi where two American-flagged tankers were loading for the next US convoy down the Gulf. There were no casualties.

Meanwhile, by dusk yesterday both Iraq and Iran had refrained from attacks on the waters of the Gulf, presumably after appeals from Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General.

Exam results

Degrees from the University of Glasgow will be published on Monday.

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£360m offer

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More banks and building societies are considering offering current accounts that pay interest

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Reign ends

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Portfolio

● There is £16,000 to be won in today's Times Portfolio Gold competition. There was no winner of the daily competition yesterday, so the prize goes to £8,000, and there is the additional weekly prize of £8,000.

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Spain's air strike is called off

By Harvey Elliott

The Spanish air traffic controllers' strike was called off again last night, causing airlines and airport managements in Britain to cancel arrangements for hundreds of extra staff to cope with the anticipated delays and big queues.

"We wound ourselves up and now we will have to wind ourselves down again", a spokesman at Gatwick said.

The move is good news for the thousands of British holidaymakers flying out for late summer breaks, and will also be greeted with relief by those people caught out when the 136 air traffic controllers based at Barcelona went on strike two weeks ago and who are scheduled to return from Spain.

But air travellers could still face problems. More than 1,000 British air traffic engineers are now officially in dispute and are refusing to carry out all but the strict terms of their contract of employment, which could also cause disruption in the event of equipment failure.

Controllers in the Canaries were also threatening industrial action last night.

Ladbroke buys chain of Hiltons

By Cliff Feltham

The luxury Hilton International hotel chain passed into British hands last night when the Ladbroke betting and DIY group fought off fierce international competition to buy the business in a £645 million deal.

The takeover was hailed as a remarkable coup for Mr Cyril Stein, the Ladbroke chairman, who survived a crisis at the company a few years ago when it was forced to close its London casinos after a big scandal.

One of the biggest prizes in the Hilton chain is the prestigious hotel in Park Lane in London where a penthouse suite costs £850 plus VAT for a night.

Mr Stein competed in an auction for the chain of 92 hotels all over the world after its owner, the US Allegis Group, decided it wanted to leave the business. Hilton has large luxury hotels in Rome, Geneva, Paris, and other world centres.

Ladbroke, already a leading hotelier in Britain, will now have more than 50,000 bedrooms around the world.

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King hint of IRA link with arrests

By Richard Ford, Craig Seton and Stewart Tendler

Mr Tom King yesterday hinted at a possible Provisional IRA link with the security incident at his Wiltshire home as he returned to Northern Ireland for the first time since the arrest of three Irish suspects.

The minister's implication of the IRA came on a day when Lancashire police, after talking to Wiltshire detectives, began searching in Blackpool for an IRA safe house which could conceal a possible explosives factory.

Police believe that Mr King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, was the main target for an IRA reconnaissance group.

It may also have looked at the possibility of attacking another political figure during the Conservative Party conference in Blackpool.

The three people held by Wiltshire police are not listed among known IRA terrorists.

Yesterday the police were given powers to hold them for another two days under the Prevention of Terrorism Act and discussions are being held with the Director of Public Prosecutions about possible charges.

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Councils pay £1,000 a week for temporary staff

By David Walker
Public Administration Correspondent

Some local councils are paying £1,000 a week to specialist employment agencies to fill a single accountant's job.

According to the first returns from a survey of councils carried out by the Local Authorities Conditions of Service Advisory Board (LACSAB), shortages of staff in accounting and computing have forced councils to pay large sums for temporary staff.

One council, Bath, where no one party has overall control, has recently been paying £2,000 a week to the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) to supply two temporary qualified assistants in its treasurer's department. Councillors there recently agreed to pay a "market rate supplement" to attract qualified accountants.

The survey found that 41 per cent of local authorities in England and Wales are reporting problems with recruiting and retaining staff. It confirmed previous evidence that recruitment is most difficult in London and the South-east. In the capital, two-thirds of councils say they have trouble getting the right staff.

In London, the rate at which people leave council employment is also higher. Turnover there is 17 per cent per year for white collar staff, compared with 15 per cent nationally.

In parts of London, councils have been paying computer consultants up to £1,000 a week for short-term cover for vacancies.

The survey is likely to be used by ministers to strengthen their arguments for the break-up of national pay bargaining between councils and their staff. Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, recently urged councils to strike local bargains with their workers and cease relying on national pay scales.

LACSAB said: "Local authorities are competing with private firms which offer a variety of perks for workers including cars, mortgage assistance and other fringe benefits.

"There is an inflexible supply of certain types of workers, including accountants, which has not been able to match an increased demand."

District councils in the South-east admit they are having to "sweeten the salary pot" to attract not only accountants but also building controllers, legal officers and solicitors. Inner London authorities have reported such difficulties in attracting qualified staff that they are having to offer City-style "golden hellos" – or starting bonuses.

Councils have also reduced the throughput of their own, locally-trained accountants. Some blame the CIPFA block release scheme, introduced in the early eighties, which means that a trainee is not in the office for 39 weeks a year. "Nobody wants to pay for trainee accountants who are simply working somewhere else", one treasurer said.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Jail officers turn prisoners away

Action by prison officers has thwarted government measures designed to empty police cells of remand prisoners by today. Lord Caithness, Home Office Minister with special responsibility for prisons, said yesterday that police cells in the South-east held 250 prisoners. The total could exceed 570 within two weeks because officers in Wandsworth, Pentonville and Ashford, Middlesex, are refusing to accept any new prisoners as part of a campaign to increase staff levels.

The Home Secretary recently announced a series of moves — including early release for some prisoners and the use of a former Army camp — to ease overcrowding in jails, but Mr Stephen Spratling, Wandsworth branch secretary of the Prison Officers' Association, said this had done nothing to help London prisons.

Motorist released

A motorist jailed for one month for arriving late at court, was freed after six days by the recorder at Teesside Crown Court yesterday.

Mr John Hampton said magistrates at Sedgefield, Co Durham, "went over the top" and quashed the jail sentence on Mr Tony Fletcher, aged 24, of Church St, Shildon, Co Durham, imposed for a breach of bail.

Mr Fletcher had arrived 100 minutes late to face a summons of driving while disqualified. That summons remains.

Drug ring smashed

A drugs ring operating between Amsterdam and Leeds was broken yesterday when customs officers arrested six men and seized 100 kilos of cannabis resin worth more than £250,000 on the streets.

The arrests — five in London and one in Penrith, Cumbria — came after a customs investigation conducted over several months.

Customs officers who raided an address in Camden, north London, yesterday found the drugs and arrested the five men, who were taken north to be interviewed. The sixth man was detained later.

Thieves take 10 guns

Thieves have stolen 10 shotguns in three raids in the Midlands over the past two weeks, Warwickshire police said last night.

They said there was no evidence to connect each incident, or that the thieves were looking for guns.

● Dunmore Shooting Centre at Abingdon, Oxfordshire, where Michael Ryan, the Hungerford gunman, was a member, has won a commendation from the Country Landowners' Association for its contribution to the rural economy. The record made to raise cash for the Hungerford fund, which has now raised more than £500,000, goes on sale today. Advance sales have topped 20,000.

Premier's life story



Dr Garret FitzGerald, the former Irish prime minister who signed the Anglo-Irish accord on behalf of the republic, is to write his autobiography.

Dr FitzGerald, aged 61, said yesterday he had no idea what to call his book. "Never write the introduction until you've written the book and never think about a title until you've written the introduction."

Although still a member of the Dublin parliament, Dr FitzGerald says he is glad to be away from the pressure of politics.

Councils in pay deal

Negotiators representing 7,000 senior local government officers last night agreed a 7 per cent pay rise which gives up to £2,500 extra a year.

Leaders of the Federated Union of Managerial and Professional Officers have accepted a new pay structure based on the populations of council areas.

The union represents senior officers below the rank of chief executive, such as directors of education and highways, chief architects and their immediate deputies.

TUC council opposes Scargill nuclear motion

By Roland Rudd

Trade union leaders yesterday rejected a proposal by Mr Arthur Scargill that the TUC should seek a halt to Britain's nuclear power programme.

Mr Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, had refused a request to withdraw his motion, which also called for a phasing out of all nuclear powere statiosn as soon as possible.

The TUC had asked him to pull out in favour of the report of its nuclear energy review body, which will be presented to congress next week.

Yesterday the TUC general council decided to oppose his motion.

Meanwhile moderate leaders of the Amalgamated Engineering Union also defied a request that they remit a motion on energy.

Mr Bill Jordan, president of the AEU, said yesterday that he would have liked to have remitted his motion in favour of unity, as he did not want to pre-empt the TUC's own review body.

However he felt, in the light of the decision by the NUM to push its anti-nuclear motion, that he could not withdraw his own while there was a possibility that Mr Scargill could still carry the day.

Mr Jordan added that it was no coincidence that the miners' resolution contained a reference to the 1986 Labour Party conference, which voted overwhelmingly for a non-nuclear energy policy.

Mr Jordan said it was not surprising in the light of that decision that the Labour Party was not in office today.

Mr Jordan's union is also fighting a rearguard action against a motion on defence reaffirming support for British nuclear disarmament.

The AEU has tabled an amendment calling for a referendum "on the question of British nuclear disarmament".

Mr Scargill, who had refused to withdraw his nuclear energy motion because he could not accept the report and was committed to a strident anti-nuclear policy, was also isolated when he voted against a TUC statement on equal rights.

Several unions had tabled motions for amendments calling for a separate women's department to be set up within the TUC.

Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, had expressed concern that such a move would be not only too costly but might also be in breach of equal opportunities legislation.

The unions concerned agreed to a statement, to be put by Mr Willis to the TUC next week, calling for an equal rights department "to combat all forms of discrimination".

The statement adds: "In this context it would accelerate the review already under way following the 1987 TUC women's conference resolution calling for the establishment of a women's department".

However it was not clear yesterday whether the Confederation of Health Service Employees would be prepared to withdraw its motion — calling for a separate women's department.

British Coal code changes not enough says Scargill

By Roland Rudd

Industrial action within the coal industry came closer yesterday after Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, said that British Coal's offer to amend its controversial disciplinary code was not enough for the union to call off its plan for an indefinite overtime ban.

The coal board, after talks with Acas, the conciliation service, had agreed to abide by industrial tribunal decisions to reinstate dismissed miners and to withdraw a veto on who could represent them in internal disciplinary hearings, provided they had not been dismissed.

Mr Scargill said the qualification of who a pit man could have as his representative in a hearing was unacceptable.

It was equally unacceptable that the coal board was not prepared to reintroduce the pit umpire system of binding arbitration on disciplinary cases which had to be heard within 14 days.

The difficulty for management is that there is now very little ground between the NUM and the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers. The UDM has made clear it will not return to the pit umpire system and instead favours the system of industrial tribunal as is set out in the present code.

The coal board was hoping that its offer to abide by the decisions of industrial tribunals, which it has not always done in the past, would elicit a positive response from the NUM president, but Mr Scargill said yesterday that the peace offer would not avert action.

"British Coal are insisting on an industrial tribunal under which, in certain circumstances, they could not agree to reinstate the miner, and if they did reinstate him, it would not be to his old job."

The NUM executive intends to meet on Sunday morning to agree a form of industrial action to take place by September 21. Under the government's trade union legislation, industrial action can take place only within 28 days of a ballot.

Time is now running out for Mr Scargill, who is trying to blame the present impasse on the trade union legislation. He said: "We are always willing to negotiate, but our members have decided by a 77 per cent majority (of those who voted) that unless our five points are accepted there will be trouble in the coalfields.

Security blackout on Thatcher



Mrs Thatcher caught in a gust of wind as she was wrapping up against the Scottish weather yesterday during her visit to the National Outdoor Training Centre at Glenmore Lodge, near Aviemore in the Highlands (Photograph: Tom Kidd).

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

Downing Street has imposed a blackout on advance details of the Prime Minister's series of visits to the inner cities planned for later this month in the wake of the alleged IRA plot to assassinate Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Police fear a wider conspiracy aimed at Cabinet ministers in the run-up to the Conservative Party conference next month.

Party sources said yesterday that security had been tightened across Whitehall and particular attention was being paid to protect the Prime Minister.

The clampdown is causing considerable worry for those responsible for organizing Mrs Thatcher's tour, which comes in the wake of her stated determination to make urban renewal the centrepiece of her new administration.

Yesterday, meanwhile, the Prime Minister watched demonstrations of climbing and canoeing on the final day of her official visit to Scotland. At Glenmore Lodge, the National Outdoor Training Centre, near Aviemore in the Highlands, she watched rock climbing techniques and saw canoeists training to be instructors.

Mrs Thatcher presented a group of Boys' Brigade officers with certificates to mark the successful completion of a mountaincraft course. She said she was impressed with the work of the centre, which is run by the Scottish Sports Council and instructs about 2,400 people each year in climbing, canoeing, sailing, skiing and mountain rescue.

"The young people who come here meet the challenge, they go away fit and they know to respect the lochs, the rivers and the mountains and they have a tremendous time", she said.

Mrs Thatcher, who said she had "loved" her visit to Scotland, was expected to spend the weekend at Balmoral Castle with the Royal Family.

But her visit was criticized by Mr Donald Dewar, Labour spokesman on Scotland, who said she was out of touch with Scottish reality "and badly needs help and advice".

Steel to attack on defence

Mr David Steel and Mr Robert Maclennan, the new SDP leader, are set to clash tomorrow when they meet in Scotland for their first discussions on the formation of a new merged party.

Mr Steel, the Liberal leader, will impress on Mr Maclennan that he cannot have both a one-member one-vote system in a new merged party and policy commitments in advance of its formation.

Liberals are alarmed at Mr Maclennan's insistence that the new party should be committed to maintaining both Britain's nuclear deterrent and nuclear power.

Senior Liberals are willing to concede one-member one vote, but argue that the constitution should be accompanied by no more than a declaration of broad principles on defence.

Mr John Patten, the Home Office minister, yesterday invited members of the Owenite rump of the SDP to join the Conservatives rather than go into "political oblivion".

Nine-hour ordeal of hostages

Fifteen people were held hostage by an IRA gang for more than nine hours in a house in Londonderry, it was disclosed yesterday.

Three masked men, one armed, forced their way into a woman's home in the Pennyburn area soon after noon and she and a child were held while the family car was taken.

During the next nine hours on Wednesday everyone who called at the house was taken hostage. Eventually six adults, including a pregnant woman, and nine children aged between three months and 12 years, were detained.

Their ordeal ended when the car was returned and the gang left.

● In Belfast, the RUC said guns found in a Protestant area of the city yesterday were part of a haul stolen from an Ulster Defence Regiment armoury last week. Tests on a pistol and light machine gun showed the weapons had been among 18 stolen from Palace Barracks.

Motorway plan to ease congestion

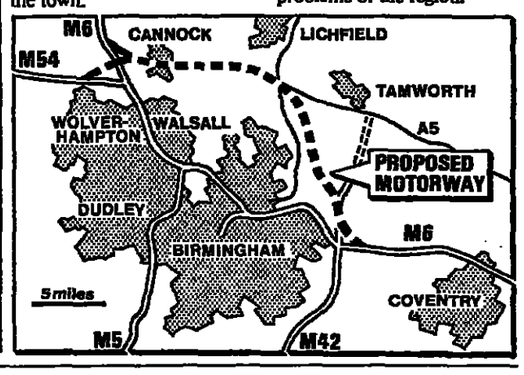
Plans for a three-lane motorway to relieve congestion around Birmingham were published yesterday by the Department of Transport.

The 33-mile road will run from the M54 at Featherstone, Staffordshire, to an M42 junction at Dunton Island near Curdworth, Warwickshire, to the east of Birmingham.

From there, traffic will use the widened and improved M42 past Coleshill and rejoin the M6 by a new link south of the town.

The main beneficiaries of the new road will be M6 drivers. At peak times that motorway has been overloaded, with accidents and roadworks causing long delays.

Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said that the draft proposals for the new Birmingham Northern Relief Road were "a significant step towards easing the traffic problems of the region.



Baker's move over teacher

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, has broken a Scottish holiday to intervene in a dispute involving a tiny village school in Devon.

He has taken the rare step of issuing a direction to Devon County Council under section 68 of the Education Act, 1944, ordering it to drop its plan to move Mrs Josephine Baron, a teacher, to Burlescombe Church of England primary school near Tiverton.

The school governors insist that Mrs Baron is unsuitable for the job.

However, Mr Jocelyn Owen, the council's chief education officer, said yesterday that the authority may try to circumvent Mr Baker's direction.

If the school successfully resisted her appointment, he said, the council's whole strategy for redeploying surplus teachers would be jeopardized.

Burlescombe Primary has only three teachers but its predicament has attracted the personal attention of two senior government figures. Mr Baker intervened at the behest of Sir Patrick Mayhew, Attorney General, who was himself persuaded to intervene by Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Conservative MP for Tiverton, earlier this summer.

As reported in *The Times*, Mr Maxwell-Hyslop, the procedural master par excellence of Westminster, came to the rescue of the beleagured school by reminding Sir Patrick of an obscure power of his office which enables him in an ex-officio capacity to call for a full judicial review in cases where a public authority appears to have abused its powers.

Sir Patrick duly called for submissions from both sides, found that the council had a case to answer, but decided it was a matter for Mr Baker.

Mr Owen is now asking the education committee to consider another way of forcing the school to take on Mrs Baron.

Sunday Times

Gucci is a status symbol, a byword for quality products which has created the myth that ownership carries with it an aura of charm and elegance. However the real world of the Gucci family is rather different.

In a recent boardroom struggle the argument became so heated that a senior family member, Paolo Gucci, was struck on the head and suffered an injury which led to him being taken to hospital.

Tomorrow *The Sunday Times* magazine takes a look at the internal strife of this wealthy family who are going hell for leather.

The newspaper also continues its serialization of the biography of Kenneth Tynan by his widow, Kathleen, in which she tells for the first time of her husband's influence in setting up the National Theatre.

By the mid-1960s, Tynan was established as the most influential drama critic of his generation. Such was his eminence that Laurence Olivier could not ignore him when he insisted on playing a key part in running the new theatre. Their extraordinary and productive relationship was to lead to a golden age of British theatre.

BBC seminar to discuss violence

The BBC is to hold a one-day seminar for its programme makers to discuss television and violence, Mr Michael Checkland, director general, announced last night (Our Arts Correspondent writes).

He decided to instigate the seminar after attending a meeting yesterday for senior executives from the BBC, Independent Broadcasting Authority, ITV and Channel 4. The meeting was originally planned to consider implications of the Government's expected proposals to extend the Obscene Publications Act to broadcasting.

Converted buildings win top farm awards

A gamekeeper's cottage in Wiltshire, a farm hotel in Dyfed, a Cornish calf rearing unit and a Northumberland workshop are among the winners of farm building awards announced yesterday.

The competition, open to farmers, landowners and their builders in England and Wales, attracted a record 118 entries. Almost a third received awards or commendations.

Many of the awards illustrate the changes taking place in British agriculture as old buildings are converted, the Country Landowners Association, the organizers, said.

"Farm tourism and light industrial workshops both appear prominently among this year's award winners. These are the sort of new enterprises which will help to keep income and jobs on the farm in future years", a spokesman said.

Man in the news

I see no crisis, says smiling CAA chief

By Philip Jacobson

Gazing out at the panoramic view from the chairman's eyrie in the Civil Aviation Authority's tower in central London, Mr Christopher Tugendhat observes that his first year in office has proved very interesting.

Reminded of the ancient Chinese curse "May you live in interesting times", the 50-year-old financial journalist-turned-MP-turned-Eurocrat smilingly observes that some people consider solving problems to be the spice of life.

Mr Tugendhat's most pressing problem is to try to resolve the industrial action by Britain's 1,030 air traffic control engineers before holiday-makers suffer the sort of disruption caused by Spain's air controllers.

There have been questions about the policies he has pursued in complex negotiations with the eight sections of his staff at the CAA: he has, after all, just sanctioned a big pay increase for the air traffic controllers.

Some observers say it was asking for trouble to expect the equally well-trained and dedicated engineers, who maintain vital navigational aids and control tower equipment, to accept what they see as a significantly smaller pay deal.



Christopher Tugendhat: interesting times

Mr Tugendhat says there is no crisis and he believes the problems can be resolved: "My years in Brussels taught me, above all, how to set about reconciling a vast range of different and conflicting interests".

He says the present situation has to be viewed against the broader background of the CAA's activities.

This summer's unprecedented increase in air traffic around Britain has imposed abnormal strains on controllers and on equipment which, Mr Tugendhat concedes, has felt the impact of an investment programme falling seriously behind schedule. At the same time, the CAA has been undergoing a drastic restructuring with a view to breaking "the Whitehall link".

Throw in the privatization of the British Airports Authority and the proposed merger of British Airways and British Caledonian — both matters touching directly upon the CAA's area of responsibility — and it is easier to understand why the chairman takes much pride in the fact that there have been no strikes during the complicated negotiations with his staff.

Mr Tugendhat says: "I've been deeply impressed by the strength of the tradition of civil responsibility and service among everyone working here.

"They are acutely conscious that this business affects real people inside those flying machines. Most CAA people are doing what they want to do, and my aim is to keep it that way."

Not entirely to his suprise, his four-days-a-week post (Mrs Thatcher personally approved the £48,000 per year appointment, in spite of rumours that Number Ten finds his politics somewhat "soggy") frequently overflows.

So far his other interests, ranging from directorships with National Westminster Bank and the BOC group to chairman of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, have not suffered too much. He considers it something of an achievement to have slipped in a summer holiday in Cape Cod with his wife and two children, though that involved a deal of transatlantic telephone calling.

As Mr Tugendhat points out, the view from his office stretches from the City to Westminster: appropriate, some might say, for the role the CAA is increasingly adopting in the rapidly changing world of civil aviation.

More interesting times surely lie ahead for its energetic chairman, whose parting words were a reminder that the job he has held for longest, and certainly not enjoyed least, is still journalism.

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Cleveland schools scheme seeks to counter sex abuse

By Peter Davenport

New measures to detect sexual abuse in young children and to help its victims are to be introduced in primary schools throughout Cleveland.

The scheme is intended to cover up to 50,000 youngsters aged between five and 11 years in 250 schools in the county.

Its aim is to raise the awareness of child sexual abuse among teachers and to equip them better both to detect it and to help to prevent more cases by making youngsters aware of the risk and how they can protect themselves.

Details of the programme were outlined at the judicial inquiry into the Cleveland sex abuse controversy by Mr Charles Town, the county's chief education social worker.

All head teachers and governing bodies of the primary schools had already been contacted and asked to nominate a teacher representative to be briefed on the programme.

Eight of the teachers have been recruited and will be trained as consultants, to pass on the latest information on detecting and handling cases of sexual abuse to schools.

A senior education social worker has also been appointed, to co-ordinate council policy on the problem.

Mr Town said later that the intention of the programme was to raise the issue of sexual abuse with teachers to enable them both to detect signs of the problem in children and also how to cope with any disclosures made to them by youngsters.

It was also intended to make the children aware of the problem as part of the curriculum which already deals with aspects of personal safety of youngsters, including such aspects as road safety and the dangers of talking to strangers.

The council, he said, was anxious to involve the support of parents and the scheme was voluntary on the schools, although there had been a high level of response.

Mr Town said: "Sometimes a teacher can be the first call for a child who is being abused especially if he feels he can't go within the family. The child may not talk openly but may give signs or hints, and it is important that teachers are able to recognize those and are equipped to cope with such disclosures."

Any cases of suspected child sexual abuse would then be reported to the education social work department.

Mr Town told the inquiry, under Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss, that most of the concern in schools had been about physical abuse of children. However in the past year there had been an increasing number of sexual abuse disclosures by children to teachers in Cleveland.

It was important to have teachers in schools who were trained in handling such disclosures because some members of staff simply could not cope with such revelations.

The inquiry also heard yesterday further evidence from nurses at the Middlesbrough General Hospital who detailed the confusion, chaos, concern and disruption brought on by the sudden increase in numbers of alleged victims of sexual abuse who were housed in Ward 9 when council establishments and foster homes all became full because of the crisis.

Mrs Jacqueline Wilkinson told of the evening a young girl was admitted as a suspected sexual abuse victim. Later that night she was told that two other children from the same family were about to be admitted, and she contacted one of the hospital's consultant paediatricians, Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, to protest that there was simply no room.

She was told to move two other sick children in the ward to another part of the hospital. A boy aged four, just out of traction for a fractured femur, and a diabetic child aged 12 were woken in the middle of the night, much to their distress, to be moved, she said.

The social worker then telephoned to say she could not find the children, so they would not be coming after all.

The two young patients were taken off the trolleys and put back to bed in Ward 9.

However, just 10 minutes later the social worker called again to say that she had now found her young charges and was bringing them in. The two sick children had to be disturbed again and moved, Nurse Wilkinson said.

Mrs Hilary Morrison, the sister in charge of Ward 9, told how a search party had to be organized when two of the children in care as victims of suspected sexual abuse apparently disappeared.

For five hours no one knew where they were until a social worker telephoned from Leeds to say she had taken them for a second medical opinion.

On another occasion a mother arrived at the ward saying she had permission to take her two children home. They had been under place of safety orders at the hospital. No one had told the nurses on duty, and a social worker had to be contacted.

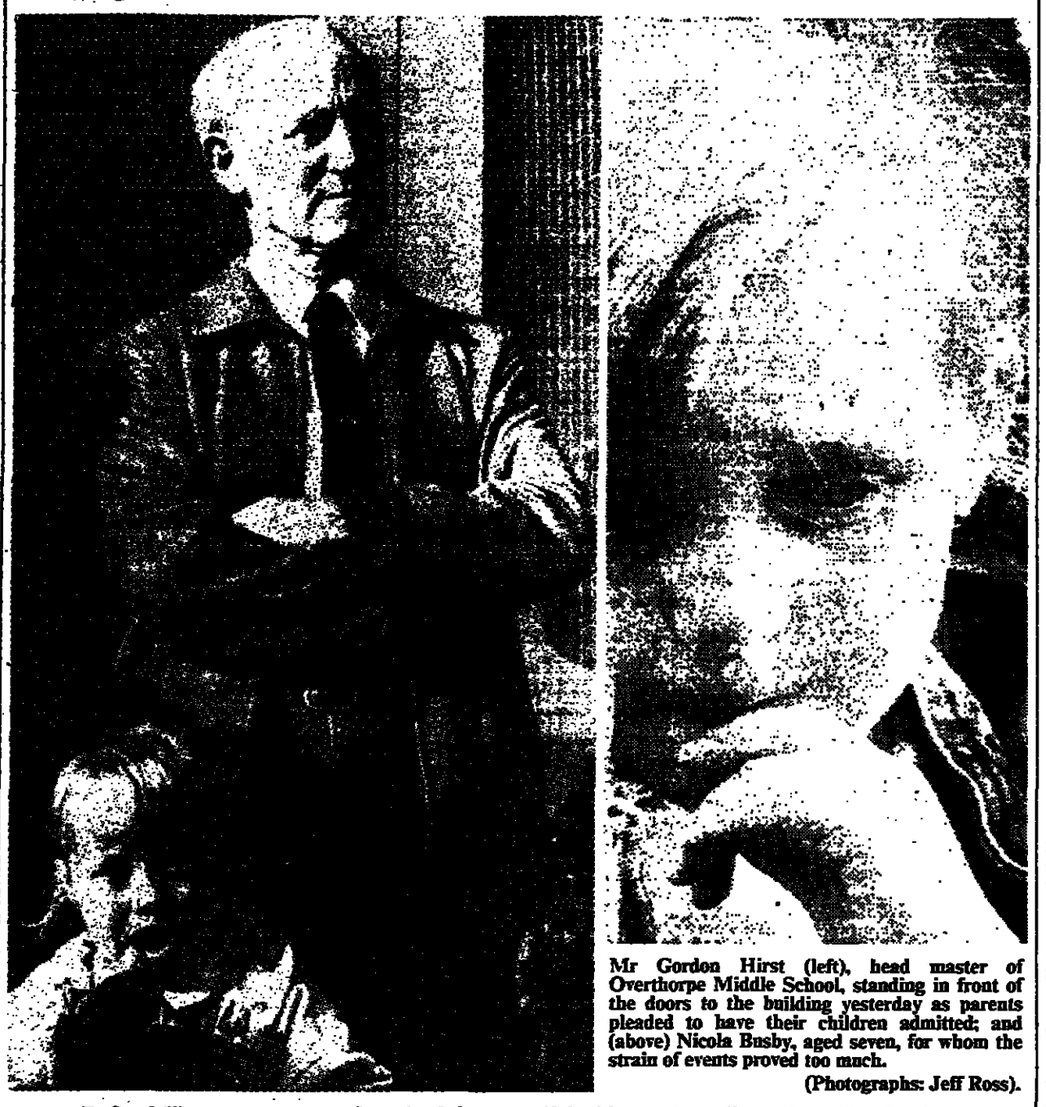
The inquiry was adjourned until September 14.

● West Yorkshire's top social workers are being pulled out of the child protection battle to write reports for local juvenile courts.

The demand for reports has risen by nearly 50 per cent this year in the Bradford, Leeds and Calderdale areas, creating a growing backlog.

Local councils face a shortage of suitably qualified workers even if vacancies are advertised, and short-term foster parents are being put under strain, Mr Alan Caygill, a Bradford council officer, says.

Boycott threat in schools battle



Mr Gordon Hirst (left), head master of Overthorpe Middle School, standing in front of the doors to the building yesterday as parents pleaded to have their children admitted; and (above) Nicola Busby, aged seven, for whom the strain of events proved too much.

(Photographs: Jeff Ross).

By Sarah Thompson
Education Reporter

Parents are planning a mass boycott on Monday of a school in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, if 26 children who have been refused places are not admitted.

The 26 families fear their children's progress will suffer in the school chosen for them by the Kirklees education authority, because 93 per cent of its pupils are of Asian origin. The families' case is to be considered urgently by Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education. He has powers to order Kirklees to allow the children to attend Overthorpe Middle School, which has two empty temporary classrooms and where most of the pupils are white.

Meanwhile on Monday morning, 11 of 13 children who won appeals to go to Overthorpe instead of Headfield Church of England Middle School will be taken home by their parents if the 26 are not admitted, and other children are expected to follow.

Mrs Avril Carter, who has two children at Overthorpe, one of whom was originally put down for Headfield, said: "A considerable number of the other parents at the school say they are willing to join the boycott. We shall not take them into school until the 26 children are allowed in."

The parents say their objections to Headfield School, which is nearer to their homes, are because English is used largely as a second language there, and because Christianity is not emphasized enough. They say their reasons are cultural and educational, not racial.

A total of 300 people signed a petition supporting the families yesterday. The governors of Overthorpe school have also given their support, but they have no control over admission limits.

Yesterday Mr Gordon Hirst, Overthorpe's head teacher, told parents at the school gate: "I must not let any of you into school."

Children chanted "let us in, let us in" and some were in tears.

Kirklees education authority maintains that although Overthorpe has empty classrooms it cannot take the children because it is to become a school for children aged between five and 11 and will need more room.

● A council found guilty of maladministration because it refused a school place to an "exceptionally bright" boy aged three and a half is to challenge the decision.

The local ombudsman last month recommended that Stockport Council should reimburse £1,200 in school fees to the boy's parents, who sent him to a private school.

Alertness could end 'hospital disease'

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Outbreaks of Legionnaires' disease in hospitals could be halted if doctors were more alert to the risks, a specialist said yesterday.

Hospital patients are more likely to die from the disease than the healthy community because their resistance is lowered by illness or surgery, Dr Ron Fallon said.

"They are like a ploughed field ready to have the seeds of infection planted". Dr Fallon said at the Hospital Infection Society conference in London.

The worst hospital outbreak happened at Staffordshire General Hospital two years ago when 28 patients died. In the same year five patients died in Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

The disease, like pneumonia, is caused by a bacterium carried on airborne moisture particles, often generated by air conditioning plants or water supplies in large buildings including hospitals.

Dr Fallon, consultant in laboratory medicine at Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow, said: "If medical microbiologists were continuously on the alert and suspected the diagnosis in all cases of hospital pneumonia, the first case of Legionnaires' disease identified would prompt the need to inspect all the hospital engineering systems.

"Outbreaks on the scale of those seen in recent years could then be prevented and lives saved."

Ten per cent of victims die but early treatment is effective, Dr Fallon said. "Swift detection is crucial." The conference has been emphasizing the need for medical microbiologists in British hospitals. There are only 177 at present, but twice as many are required, according to Professor Mark Casewell, of King's College Hospital, London.

Mother fails in court plea to see daughters

A young Cleveland mother begged a court in vain yesterday to be allowed to see the two daughters hidden from her for four months by social workers.

But the magistrates told the distraught woman, aged 24, that they were powerless to help. Their chairman, Mr Peter Fulton, told her: "We haven't any authority on access".

The girls, aged two and four, will stay with foster parents for another 28 days under a further interim care order.

In May the unmarried Middlesbrough mother asked for them and her son aged one to be taken into care because she could not cope.

She also said their father, from whom she is parted, had sexually abused the elder girl.

The woman, who is allowed a weekly visit to her son, told Middlesbrough Juvenile Court: "The social workers say I can't see my daughters because it upsets them. But they only cry because they want to come home to me."

Her solicitor, Mr Nick Woodhouse, said: "She has done them no harm but soon they won't know her".

Mr Raymond Morris, of Cleveland social services, said: "I am unhappy from what I hear about the access position."

UK firms win more car sales

British motorists spent more than £3 billion on new cars in August as E registrations reached a record 407,333, almost 7 per cent higher than in the same month last year (Our Motor Industry Correspondent writes).

The market share taken by British cars has also increased.

Since January, sales have climbed to 1.45 million and the post-election buying boom is now expected to push new car registrations in 1987 to a record of close to two million.

Jaguar recorded the biggest improvement with sales rising 66 per cent to 2,144.

Ford headed the market, selling 107,093 cars, 6,000 more than the previous August.

Austin Rover pushed the Metro up to third position in the best selling league behind the Ford Escort and Fiesta.

Vauxhall sold no more cars than in the previous August and its market share slipped slightly to 13.7 per cent.

For Peugeot Talbot, the French 205 model was the top selling import, reaching eighth position overall for the first time, while the British-built 309 narrowly missed the top 10.

German manufacturers showed a lost market share while Citroen, Fiat and Seat all gained.

Japanese sales, limited by quotas, remained static.

Chemist 'in cancer pill swap'

A cancer sufferer yesterday told how for two weeks he took tablets prescribed by his consultant unaware they were headache pills.

The mistake arose because the aspirin had been switched with an expensive cancer drug by a chemist in another part of the country, it was alleged.

Ompakish Sood, the chemist, had kept the Adrocur tablets and refilled the bottles with aspirin before returning them as unwanted to a wholesaler.

The pills, some also labelled as heart disease drugs, were later re-distributed by the unsuspecting firm to other pharmacists who passed them on to patients, Mr Vivian Robinson, for the prosecution, told Snaresbrook Crown Court, east London.

The cancer sufferer, Mr Christopher Lynch, told the court he had been told to take two Androcur tablets three times daily by a consultant. Before going on holiday he checked how many were left in the bottle.

He said: "It was then I noticed some were plain and different from others, 36 of them in all, so I took them back".

Mr Lynch, of Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, returned them to his chemist, who traced them to a wholesaler.

The wholesaler realized the bottles had been sent back to them by Mr Sood from his shop in High Road, Wormley, Hertfordshire, Mr Robinson said.

Mr Sood denies theft of 100 Androcur, 500 Aldactide and 500 Primolut-n tablets and three charges of deception and one of intending to pervert the course of justice.

Mr Robinson said the actions of Mr Sood, aged 40, were "both dishonest and potentially very dangerous".

The trial continues on Monday.

Pickets at Aids clinic harm trial

An experimental needle exchange clinic, designed to help to curb the spread of Aids and hepatitis, is being virtually ignored by drug addicts who are frightened by local opposition.

The unit was opened in Glasgow on June 22 to cater for up to forty addicts a week. It could cope with even more if necessary. But after 11 weeks, fewer than fifty addicts have visited the clinic at the Ruchill Hospital.

Specialists agreed yesterday that picketing by local residents, who have threatened to photograph visitors, had frightened addicts away.

● Council workers in York who refuse to work alongside colleagues with Aids may face disciplinary action.

A new council employment policy recommends that discrimination against Aids sufferers should not be tolerated.

Swim star is fined over stolen cheques

Mark Foster, Britain's fastest freestyle swimmer, enjoyed himself at casinos with money obtained from stolen cheques, magistrates in Tavistock, Devon, were told yesterday.

Foster, who was 16 at the time, admitted forging cheques after "finding" a cheque card belonging to a fellow pupil at his public school, Kelly College.

Foster and fellow national swimmer Jason Ivemey, both aged 17, spent the money while taking part in a national swimming competition in Cardiff, the court heard.

Mrs Anne Hamshire, for the prosecution, said Foster found the cheque card on a footpath at the school. Another boy then stole the corresponding cheque book from a locker.

Foster, of Alexander Road, Southend, Essex, was fined £260, including costs and compensation, after admitting stealing the cheque card, handling a stolen cheque book and forging cheques. Ivemey, of Elm Park, Hornchurch, Essex, was fined £185.

Actress is fined over cocaine sent in letter

Maria Aitken, the actress, was fined £500 plus £100 costs yesterday for helping to import cocaine into Britain.

After the hearing, at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, central London, she refused to identify the supplier who posted the drugs from Peru.

Miss Aitken, aged 41, became involved in the smuggling operation through her charity work for the needy in the Peruvian jungle town of Iquitos, the court was told.

"She is quite horrified of the example she has set by this behaviour. It was a private use and a very rare use", Mr Peter Clark, for the defence, said.

Mr Charles Davidson, the magistrate, read character references from the Peruvian ambassador to London and others including Anthony Quayle, the actor.

Miss Aitken, former wife of Nigel Davenport, the actor, was charged under the name of Davenport. She admitted being involved in the importation of 557 milligrams of cocaine – worth £180 – in two letters addressed to her home in Kennington Road, Kennington, south London, on about August 21.

Miss Nancy Palfreyman, for the prosecution, said customs officers intercepted the letters about three weeks after her return from Peru.

The actress, who played a leading role with Jill Bennett in the television situation comedy, *Poor Little Rich Girls*, and presented the "chat show", *Private Lives*, was arrested at Twickenham studios by customs officers.



Maria Aitken: "horrified by her behaviour".

Opera chorus is singing a sad song

By Lynda Murdin, Arts Correspondent

Mr Richard Hazell swells the chorus of the Royal Opera House. He can sing in five languages. Yet he is paid 50 times less for a week's work than an opera star commands for a single performance, and has about half the income of a stage electrician.

With theatrical fashions changing, he is seriously thinking of offering his talents to what he calls the "pop merchants". Sir John Tooley, general director, faced with a dispute that threatens the start of the new season next Saturday, admits the chorus is underpaid, but he is hard-pressed to find a solution.

The 69 regular singers frequently portray the poor looking in on the antics of the rich. Now that is how they are beginning to feel in real life.

Longstanding members such as Mr Hazell receive £176 a week for nine three hour sessions, which their union, Equity, points out can often be longer. Morning and evening sessions, plus travel, can sometimes take up a whole day.

New chorus members earn £158.15 a week, not much more than the £140 it costs for two of the best seats. And a world ranking singer on the same stage, Equity points out, can earn £9,000 for a single performance.

Rejecting the management's offer of a 4 per cent increase, the chorus members asked for comparisons with settlements agreed with the chorus of the English National Opera and salaries paid to other unions in the Royal Opera House.

They are well aware they would earn much more in the chorus of *The Phantom of the Opera*, or any of the big West End musicals, where the best seats cost a maximum of £20, than they do in the country's foremost opera house.

Chorus members in *Chess*, *Cats* and *Starlight Express* are, according to Equity, paid between £225 and £250 a week. The official union minimum is £145.

Not that Royal Opera House chorus members such as Mr Hazell could dash along Drury Lane and join the lithe cast of *Cats*. Mr Hazell, a bass baritone who won a scholarship in the late 1950s to the Royal College of Music, has rather different skills, including being able to sing in five languages.

Inside, as well as outside the Royal Opera House, rates paid to regular employees can make the chorus feel rather *piano*. Until accepting their separate 4 per cent offer, orchestra players, members of the Musicians' Union, were paid £227 a week for seven three-hour sessions. Their opportunities for overtime, working for the two resident ballet companies as well as the opera, are also greater and recording contracts more frequent.

Then there are members of the Broadcasting and Entertainment Trades Alliance, whose rates of pay are as varied as their jobs. A stage electrician earns £169 for a 45 hour week, but with frequent Sunday and night working, earns up to £15,000 a year.

The English National Opera chorus has a guaranteed weekly minimum wage of £190.

Mr Peter Plouviez, general secretary of Equity, and Sir John are discussing ways to save next Saturday's opening production of Wagner's *Tannhauser*. Cancellation of one performance would cost £40,000 in box office receipts.

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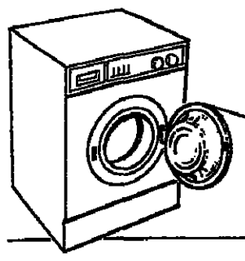
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Civil Servants call for protection from assaults at work

By Roland Rudd

The Government was urged yesterday to protect Britain's half-million Civil Servants who work amid fear of abuse and violence from the public.

The call came from the Council of Civil Service Unions, which represents all nine Whitehall unions.

It cited as examples an unemployment benefit office which was attacked with CS gas, a revenue officer attacked with a hammer and robbed, and offices fire-bombed and wrecked, and sexual attacks against women staff members.

Mr Charles Cochrane, secretary of the CCSU's welfare committee, said the council was demanding urgent discussions to tackle the problem at all levels within the Civil Service.

"The Government must also accept that it is often its own policies cutting back on benefits and service which lead to the violent attacks", he said.

Mr Cochrane said: "It is an everyday occurrence that Civil Servants are abused and threatened, both at work and away from it, simply because of the job they try to do on behalf of the Government.

"These problems are not restricted to the inner cities: they exist in almost every department and throughout the country, and the perpetrators of violence come from all sections of society."

He said the Government must accept that no Civil Servant should have to suffer abuse or violence as a consequence of his or her work.

A survey had shown that only the Stationery Office had escaped any abuse or threats from the public.

People working at the Home Office complained of living under the constant threat of "hate mail" sent from the Animal Liberation Front.

Others who work in unemployment benefit offices in inner cities complained of their fear of having to walk to their bus stops in the evenings under the possible threat of attack.

The Civil Service trade unions have promised to take urgent steps to tackle the problems.

The unions are demanding urgent discussions with their employers at all levels within the Civil Service.

They will be pressing the Government to bring the attacks and abuse to light.

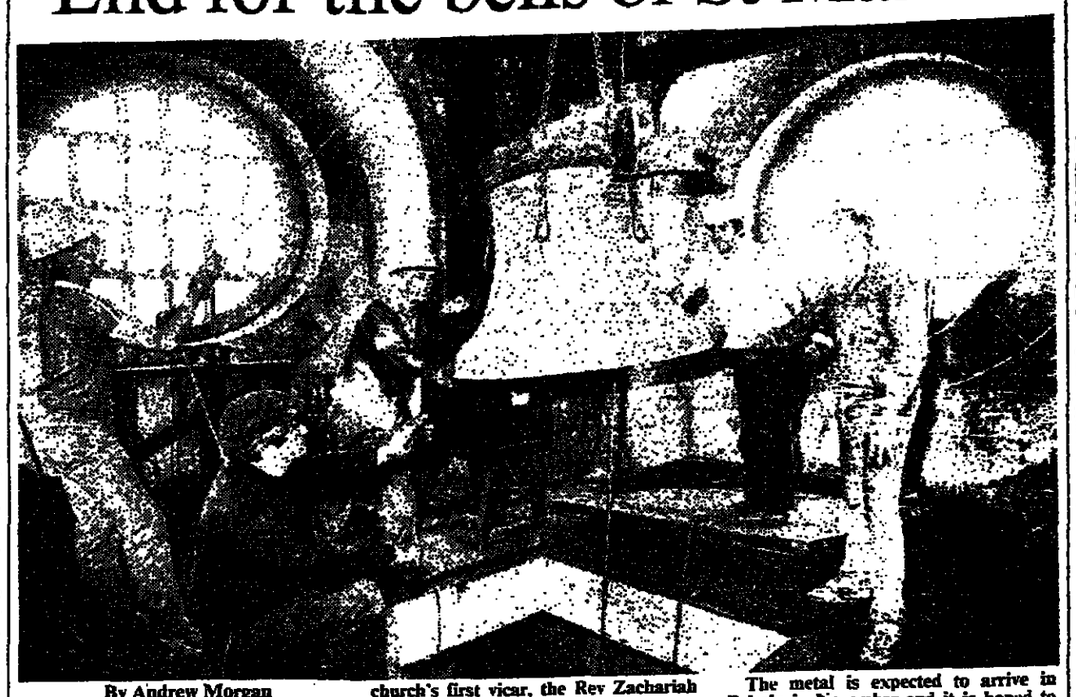
Mr Cochrane was announcing the conclusions of a private seminar held earlier in the year and attended by trade union representitives from most government departments.

He said: "We shall be demanding that the Civil Service tackle this as a national problem.

"Working practices, office design and training for Civil Servants on how to defend themselves against attacks, must all be urgently examined to ensure that potentially explosive situations are defused."

The council is also pressing for the withdrawal of benefit offices in run-down inner city areas where poor street lighting has led to frequent attacks outside offices against Civil Servants returning home.

End for the bells of St Martin



By Andrew Morgan

One of the 12 bells of St Martin-in-the-Fields, in central London being taken down yesterday by a team of ringers (left to right) Keith Sibson, Peter Fleckney, Derek Sibson, Ben Dake, and David Carton.

Eight of the bells, which were cast in 1726, have been lowered to the ground already in preparation for shipment to Australia.

Those include the heaviest, weighing 30cwt, which bears the name of the church's first vicar, the Rev Zachariah Pearce.

The bells, of which the lightest is 5cwt, were due to be melted down and recast because the ringing caused a discernible movement of the tower and also because their timbre was deemed not impressive.

The University of Western Australia in Perth asked for the 12 bells, which it intends to hang in the main campus tower. It offered to supply in return the 20 tons of tin and copper for a new set of bells, which are to be cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in east London.

The metal is expected to arrive in Britain in November and it is hoped to hang the 12 new bells, as well as a thirteenth, a sharp second bell for the peal, on a lower foundation next April.

The metal alone, 20 per cent tin and 80 per cent copper, will cost about £21,000. The casting and hanging will raise the total cost to £125,000.

For the ringers, the disappearance of the bells, cast near the church's site by Abraham Rudhall, from Gloucestershire, will be tinged with sadness.

(Photograph: John Rogers).

Victorian image for shopping complex

Plans were unveiled yesterday for a £80 million shopping and leisure complex in Southport, Merseyside, which could create about 1,500 jobs.

The scheme to redevelop the town's Winter Gardens in Lord Street has been drawn up by the Manchester-based developers, Sibec.

The proposal includes a department store, 80 shops, an hotel and restaurants.

Its main feature will be a glass conservatory roof, 500ft long and 100ft wide, closely modelled on the original glass roof of the Victorian building.

Mr Michael Birchall, the company's chief executive, said: "What we are hoping to do is re-create the atmosphere of the early 1900s and combine that with modern retailing".

He said redeveloping the 10-acre site would transform Southport into one of the most important 'centres for shopping in the North-west, attracting people from throughout the region.

He said the scheme would consolidate existing retailing and bring more people into the town.

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Churches sign pact of goodwill

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

A declaration beginning a new era of inter-church co-operation and goodwill was agreed and signed yesterday by 350 church leaders, headed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, and the Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume.

It envisages the eventual unity of all churches in Britain.

It will be read from the pulpit in churches throughout Britain on a date in October. The declaration comes after three years of consultation involving hundreds of thousands of church members.

It also marks the beginning of a new three-year stage leading in 1990 to the winding up of the British Council of Churches, and its replacement with new national institutions of which the Roman Catholic Church, now outside the council, will play a full part.

That was made possible when Cardinal Hume announced to a church leaders' conference in Swanwick, Derbyshire, that the time had come for the Roman Catholic Church to make an official commitment at all levels to a new structure of inter-church co-operation.

Dr Runcie described the cardinal's announcement as a historic moment.

The declaration headed in English, Welsh and Gaelic "No Longer Strangers — Pilgrims!", described the signatories as "the broadest assembly of British and Irish churches ever to meet in these islands" and declared they had reached a common mind.

It added: "We now declare together our readiness to commit ourselves to each other under God. Our earnest desire is to become more fully, in His own time, the one Church of Christ, united in faith, communion, pastoral care and mission."

The unity being sought would not be "uniformity but legitimate diversity". The church leaders declared that "no discouragement will make us relent our avowed intent".

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Man of letters aiming for his ninth win

By Our Crossword Editor

Dr John Sykes, the Oxford lexicographer, will compete in the national final of *The Times*/Collins Dictionaries crossword championship tomorrow in the hope of winning the championship for the ninth time.

Because of his long domination of the title, he competes only in alternate years.

This year, however, the competition is likely to be stiff, as five of the seven past champions will be competing. They include Mr Roy Dean, of Bromley, who won the first championship in 1970 and who has recently retired from the diplomatic service.

The championship will be held at the Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, London, starting at 1.30pm.

There is room, at £2 a head, for up to 300 spectators who will be able to tackle the same puzzles as the finalists and other word games.

Bus drivers' boycott stays

A weekend boycott of city centre stops by Hull bus drivers because of attacks on them could become permanent. The month-long boycott, from 10pm, should have ended yesterday, but after fresh violence the drivers decided it should continue.

Tigers escape

Two tigers escaped from their cages at Woburn Safari Park in Bedfordshire yesterday after a keeper forgot to close a door. One was caught but the second became restless and was shot dead.

Phillips case

A speeding case involving Captain Mark Phillips, charged with driving at 103mph on the M4, will be heard by Newbury magistrates on September 14.

Small schools are facing vital test

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Small village schools are being wrongly judged by the yardstick of larger schools, a leading educational researcher said yesterday.

Dr Clare Burstall, director of the National Foundation for Educational Research, said that the Government's plan to introduce testing at seven, 11 and 14 will settle the question of whether school size really does affect children's achievements.

She has collated evidence from three years of schools inspectors' reports on schools with fewer than 125 pupils and concludes: "No evidence is presented in the reports which supports the view that a small school *per se* is inherently disadvantaged from an educational standpoint".

A consistent theme through the reports, she said, was praise for the schools' atmosphere, the good discipline, lack of vandalism and close links with the community.

Dr Burstall was speaking at a conference organized by the Schumacher Society at Oxford Polytechnic. She said that "official" views, including the Conservative election manifesto this year, of small schools have assumed that the problem with small schools is their educational viability — whether they can deliver a broad curriculum with only a few teachers and within a reasonable budget.

But there has been relatively little research into the educational provision of small schools, she said, and the "official" attitude is based on opinion and not fact.

In her survey of inspectors' reports she found that many small schools were praised for providing a broad curriculum and for painstaking care in monitoring the achievements of individual pupils.

"I would maintain that the actual costs associated with the provision of small schools are extremely hard to quantify in any unequivocal way."

WORLD SUMMARY

France to expel nine foreigners

Paris — The French Ministry of the Interior said yesterday that nine people were in the process of being expelled from the country "to prevent the risk of serious public disorder or threats against the state" (Susan MacDonald writes).

No names have been released and no specific reasons for the "urgent" expulsions — which are now a purely administrative procedure in France — have been given. Those to be expelled come from among 15 people of Lebanese, Tunisian, Libyan and Jordanian nationality who were taken into custody for questioning on Thursday. Police are said to have been acting on information received from West Germany.

The Communist newspaper *L'Humanité* gave the name of one of those arrested as Mr Elardah Nidal; a Palestinian of Jordanian nationality. The paper said that he had lived in France for six years and holds a valid 10-year residence permit, and claimed that it was "inadmissable" that he could be arrested and expelled without full reasons being given.

Britons in rail crash

Lison — A Portuguese man was killed and five Britons, three other foreigners and more than 20 Portuguese were injured when two trains collided aftwr one of them *hit a car abandoned* on the track on the Algarve, less than 10 miles from Faro, yesterday morning (Martha De la Cal writes). Three members of a Portuguese family are thought to be lost under the wreckage.

The dead man worked for the Portuguese national train company. The five injured Britons, who were treated at the local hospital, were named as Mr Charles Coleman, aged 74, a Mr Stanton, aged 72, a Mr Kent and Mr and Mrs J. Edverssield. The Governor of Faro, Senhor Cabrito Neto, said that all were well enough to leave hospital. An investigating committee has been set up.

Reluctant bomber

Jerusalem — Israel claimed yesterday it was holding an Egyptian allegedly sent by Syrian intelligence on a suicide mission in southern Lebanon (David Bernstein writes). According to Israel radio, Mr Ali Abder Rahman Wahbeh was recruited in Egypt three years ago and trained and equipped with 25 lb of TNT by General Ghazi Kenaan, head of Syrian intelligence in Lebanon.

The radio claims that he gave himself up to Israeli forces in Lebanon last Saturday without making any attempt to carry out his suicide mission. Observers here draw attention to the timing of the publication of the mission, with its stress on his strong links with Syria. It coincides with a growing rapprochement between Washington and Damascus, which is viewed here with deep suspicion.

Francophones finish

Ottawa — The Quebec City summit of French-speaking countries closed yesterday after three days of discussions on such matters as Third World debt, technical assistance to underdeveloped countries and the extension of French-language education facilities. The 41-nation conference was the second staged by the worldwide organization known as La Francophonie. The first was held in Paris early last year.

Sri Lanka flare-up

Colombo — Muslims in Sri Lanka's Eastern province have attacked the offices of the Tamil guerrilla group, the Libertion Tigers of Tamil Eelam, in Muttur after the town's assistant Government Agent, Mr Habib Mohammed, was killed on Thursday on his way to the mosque (Vijitha Yapa writes).

The Tigers are alleged to have carried out the murder, which sparked the first serious confrontation between Muslims and Tamils since the Indo-Sri Lankan accord was signed in July.

A curfew was imposed and the town is now said to be quiet. The Tiger group denies the killing.

SA talks

Johannesburg — South Africa and Mozambique yesterday held their second round of talks since bilateral ties were resumed last month, in an attempt to revive the Nkomati Accord on border security (Nicholas Beeston writes). Sources close to the talks in Pretoria said the meeting was also an attempt to persuade moderate elements in Maputo to draw closer to South Africa.

The talks coincided with accusations by Lt-Gen Dennis Earpe, chief of the South African Air Force that Angola has ordered one of the largest military build-ups in the region to prepare for an offensive against right-wing anti-government forces.

Kidnap hunt arrests

Santiago — Several thousand troops and policemen have concentrated their efforts to find the kidnapped Army Colonel, Carlos Carreno, in the wealthy Providencia and Nunoa districts of the Chilean capital (Lake Sagaris writes). Soldiers manned road blocks when the authorities believed they had narrowed down his whereabouts.

Thirty policemen raided the home of Luis Salas and Flor Lorca and arrested the couple, who had been under surveillance, according to a human rights group. Writs of habeas corpus were filed for four other people arrested.

González treads tightrope over talks with Eta

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

Spain's Government, by admitting publicly for the first time official contacts with Eta, in an effort to bring peace to the Basque region, has ensured that autumn begins here with a political bang.

Señor Felipe González, the Socialist Prime Minister, will however have to manoeuvre extremely skilfully, aiming to exploit possible divisions aroused by the "peace feelers" among the latterday leaders of an armed separatist organization founded more than 28 years ago, and a public opinion which could be aroused easily by the right-wing opposition against any concessions to gunmen. Nearly 500 civilians and security force members have been killed by Eta since the advent of democracy 10 years ago.

Though democratic governments of the day have regularly denied it, there have been many previous official contacts, inside Spain and abroad, with Eta's leadership. They all failed to get positive results.

If an end to the bombings and killings could be negotiated at not too high a political price, Señor González's Socialist Party would have a trump card for the general elections scheduled for 1990.

But the Madrid Government for the present does not give the impression it is wholeheartedly for the enterprise, perhaps indeed cannot afford to let such an impression gain ground, because behind the right-wing Opposition are the bulk of the commands of Spain's security forces and the armed forces themselves, who have provided many of Eta's most conspicuous targets.

Basque politicians have welcomed the contacts. But Señor González has always to bear in mind that what, understandably, would be an immense relief to the 2.7 million inhabitants of the Basque region — an end to constant violence — might go down very poorly with 36 million other Spaniards if they judged the political price paid to be too high.

The Government's campaign for repressing separatist violence, and a growing endorsement of tough police methods by the Madrid authorities, may arouse criticism in the papers, but all the signs are that Spanish public opinion always comes down on the side of "firmness".

The first obstacle in negotiations with Eta is the widespread belief in the Basque country that there must be a wide amnesty for former Eta members, including those suspected of blood crimes or of ordering them. The Socialist Party has its own serious reservations about this. The Government's admission has opened a Pandora's box of conflicting reactions and this "letting off of steam" may well be one of the Prime Minister's reasons for going public.

Señor José Ardanza, the moderate Basque Nationalist Chief Minister, has publicly endorsed such a trade-off by a broad amnesty to achieve peace for the Basque region. But the Socialist Chief Minister in neighbouring Navarre has protested loudly at even the idea of any political concessions to Eta killers.

The Interior Ministry, which used two veteran police chiefs for the contact last month in Algeria with Eugenio "Antxon" Etxebeste — essentially as a go-between with other, apparently more hardline, Eta leaders in France — has cautiously begun to play down the initiative.

Almost all the political demands that Eta adopted over the years to underpin an increase in violent action raise formidable problems. The demand for self-determination oversteps the 1980 Guernica Statute of Autonomy and comes up against the armed forces' explicit commitment in the Constitution to uphold Spain's "territorial integrity".

Señor Antonio Hernández Mancha, the leader of Spain's main opposition party, the right-wing Popular Alliance, has already warned the Prime Minister of the very "narrow limits" permissible when talking with guerrillas. He recently said he approved whatever police methods were necessary to end the violence.

The Basque Government, now a coalition of Basque Nationalists led by Señor Ardanza and Basque Socialists, has only reluctantly accepted secret contacts with Eta and has protested that it has not been kept informed about them. All the Basque political parties and the opposition forces in Madrid are now clamouring for the Government to tell them of the content of these contacts.

One of the Government's reasons now for seeking to get the contacts out of the limelight as quickly as possible is a fear that hardline Eta leaders might seek to cut dramatically across an incipient dialogue, and to frighten off waverers in their own camp, by staging another spectacular bomb onslaught.

Call for strict safety rules on Atlantic air routes

From Charles Bremner, New York

Canadian and American aviation authorities have called for strict rules to enforce safety on North Atlantic air routes after analysing a near-collision between two big jets.

The United States National Transportation Safety Board, in its first findings on the July 8 incident, said on Thursday that the crew of the Delta Airlines l-111 allowed its aircraft to drift 60 miles off course and pass within 30ft of a Continental Airlines Boeing 747. Such a close call is considered "critical" by the experts, who had previously thought the planes were within 100ft of each other.

Both aircraft were bound for the US from Gatwick, carrying more than 600 passengers, when the incident occurred in air space under Canadian control. The planes were meant to be on parallel courses. The Americans and Canadians said stringent new regulations were needed to force crews to cross-check their navigation on the oceanic routes, where controllers have no independent way to monitor positions.

The Canadian Safety Board said the Delta episode was only a stark example of a fairly common occurrence. It said there were five incidents of "gross navigational errors" a month on the crowded North Atlantic routes.

The US board said the three-person Delta crew apparently mis-programmed its flight computer with the geographic co-ordinates assigned to the route, and failed to spot the error by cross-checking with the aircraft's navigation system.

It found that the Delta plane did not even carry the charts that would have permitted the crew to plot positions. Because of the distances involved, planes crossing the ocean cannot lock onto the VHF radio beams which usually mark air corridors over land and must rely on long-range systems.

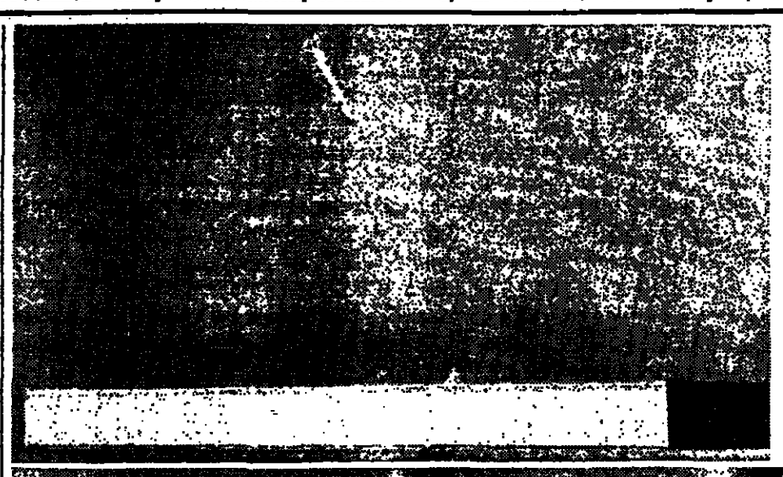
The Delta crew compounded its error by failing to report the deviation to controllers, who were needed to guide the plane back on course, and by trying to persuade its Continental counterparts to help hush it up. Its conversation was recorded by a nearby US Air Force jet.

According to *The New York Times* on Thursday, the Continental captain refused, saying: "I have passengers pounding on the door and crying and they saw the whole thing out the windows." Delta denied that the crew had no charts and said the three had been suspended from flying duty.

The two safety boards urged their government authorities *to take immediate action* to prevent such navigational errors. The Delta incident was only one of a rash involving the airline this summer. Later in July the pilot of a Delta Boeing 767 switched off both engines accidentally after take-off from Los Angeles and warned passengers to "prepare to crash" before restarting them just above the sea.

The American authorities were already urgently reviewing crew-training techniques throughout the troubled airline industry when the Northwest Airlines MD80 crashed in Detroit last month, killing 156 people. The US board says it believes pilot error was the most likely explanation for the accident.

Passenger confidence was not helped this week by an incident in which the pilot of a small airliner in New England fell out of the plane and dangled from a folding stair while trying to close the door in flight. Television news programmes yesterday replayed the co-pilot's radio messages during the incident. "I am declaring an emergency, the pilot has been sucked out of the plane," Mr Paul Boucher, the co-pilot said, unaware that his captain, Mr Henry Dempsey, was clinging on beneath the plane where he was found unharmed after landing.



Direct hit by cruise

A Tomahawk cruise missile, *left, homing in on a concrete* and steel target the size of a warehouse on San Clemente island, California.

The missile, fired from a submerged submarine off the southern California coast, made a 400-mile flight before recording a direct hit, below, in the 201st test in the cruise missile programme (AFP reports). A conventional 1,000lb warhead on the missile destroyed the target, hurling its concrete roof panels, each weighing more than three tons, into the air.



Fundamentalists on trial in Tunisia

Bourguiba accuses 50 of plotting coup

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

In a small backstreet office in Paris sits a man who is being tried in his absence by the State Security Court in Tunisia. Mr Habib Mokni is one of the 90 members of the Islamic Tendency Movement, of whom 50 are present in court, accused of plotting against the state with the object of seizing power.

The charges carry the death penalty and the results of this trial against Islamic extremism could have disturbing, far-reaching effects for President Bourguiba's regime if the presiding judge, Mr Hachemi Zamel, who is also Attorney General, hands down the maximum sentences.

There have been complaints in the French press that Mr Zamel prefers the role of inquisitor to that of judge. This fact, says Mr Mokni, is helpful to the movement because if the judge discredits himself the death sentences would be more difficult to impose.

Four international observers are in court daily for this important trial, which is expected to end before mid-September, because that is when the universities open and they have a long tradition of being centres of Islamic extremism.

Mr Mokni, aged 32, is one of the movement's leaders. He holds official refugee status in France, having escaped from Tunisia in 1981 where he had been sentenced in his absence to an 11-year prison sentence in the Islamic extremist trial that year. His wife, Saoussen, who is with him in Paris, was also sentenced at that trial.

The movement's charismatic leader, Mr Rachid Ghannouchi, is however present in the dock. The trial was suspended for four days after it opened at the end of August when Mr Ghannouchi's defence lawyers complained that they had been allowed access to him only the day before, despite his being under arrest since the beginning of March.

The state claims that the movement is Iranian-backed and is responsible for terrorist attacks, including the bombs placed in hotels at the beginning of August that injured several British tourists.

Mr Mokni refutes the *terrorist and Iranian-backed* charges, although he acknowledges that several leaders, including himself, have visited Iran. The movement, which has existed for the past 15 years, he describes as fighting for democracy and freedom in Tunisia.

Since the Islamic Tendency Movement members were arrested last March, there have been accusations of police brutality and torture. It is known that President Bourguiba wishes to eradicate religious extremism to the extent that men in Tunis are now forced to shave their beards and women forbidden to wear the veil.

But Mr Mokni is afraid that if severe sentences are handed down it will unleash a new, more radical form of extremism with violent attacks against the regime by those not as moderate as the movement's leaders, who would no longer be able to keep the balance.

Demjanjuk trial must be delayed

From David Bernstein
Jerusalem

The trial of Mr John Demjanjuk, the alleged Nazi war criminal, will not resume for at least another fortnight after the mild heart attack suffered this week by one of the three judges trying him.

Justices Meir Levin and Dalia Dorner met yesterday to discuss the course of the trial, which was to have resumed on Monday after a three-week break, because of Justice Zvi Tal's illness. They will meet again on September 16 to review the situation.

If Justice Tal were unable to resume the Demjanjuk trial, the Supreme Court would have to nominate a replacement. In such an event, both the defence and the prosecution would be entitled to request a retrial, with the final decision on whether to accede resting with the three judges and not subject to appeal.

Meanwhile, both the defence and prosecution have said they welcome the extra time to prepare their cases. The defence, in particular, could certainly make good use of the time. It has been in some disarray since Mr Demjanjuk dismisssed his chief attorney, Mr Mark O'Connor, last month and had his expert witnesses badly mauled by the prosecution before the court went into recess.

Greece hopeful of tempting Albania out of its isolation

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Greece and Albania open talks at ministerial level in Athens today in a climate enhanced by the Greek Cabinet's gesture a week ago to end the technical state of war between the two countries which had existed since the Second World War.

Mr Sokrat Plaka, the Albanian Deputy Foreign Minister who arrived in Athens yesterday, will discuss bilateral and regional issues with Greek ministers and senior officials.

The Greek Socialist Government wants to encourage Albania's effort to emerge from its relative isolation. In this context Greece renounced in 1984 its territorial claim on northern Epirus

The decision to lift the 47-year state of war came under strong criticism from the conservative opposition at home as well as organizations of north Epirot Greeks both here and in the US. They argued that this gesture should have been traded against Albanian guarantees for the rights of the minority

The Athens Government believes that the well-being of the Greeks in Albania, estimated at 200,000, can best be safeguarded by improving relations with communist Albania rather than antagonizing it. Mr Karolos Papoulias, the Greek Foreign Minister, told a delegation of protesters: "There is no alternative. History will vindicate me." Athens has had the tacit encouragement of its Western allies. A recurrent nightmare of Nato strategists is a Third World War scenario in which tension between Albania and Yugoslavia over minorities prompts Tirana to solicit Soviet help, bringing Nato to the aid of Yugoslavia.

●**US bases:** The framework of negotiations for a new agreement on US bases in Greece after the present arrangements expire at the end of 1988 was discussed yesterday by Mr Papoulias and Mr Robert Keeley, US Ambassador to Greece, amid protests by 200 women and children.

Yugoslavia hit by financial scandal

Belgrade — An agricultural complex once held up as a model of success has provoked Yugoslavia's biggest postwar financial scandal, shaking the political establishment and dealing a heavy blow to the country's economic system (Dessa Trevisan writes).

Agrocomerc, an agricultural complex in the Yugoslav republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, has been engaged in large-scale projects for which, having no capital of its own, it paid with fictitious money, using bills of exchange worth $300 million (about £185 million). Some of the 63 banks which were involved may have to close as a result.

Serving an area once regarded as an example of how an underdeveloped region can quickly improve its position, the complex could not have undertaken the deals without the support of politicians at both local and federal level. Its insolvency has been concealed *for some time.*

The scandal, so far involving 93 people who now face prosecution, is being seen as just the tip of an iceberg of nepotism, corruption and political ambition.

The deals are expected to contribute to galloping inflation, which the Government seems unable to control. The inflation rate has just reached 107 per cent and is expected to end the year at 150 per cent

There has recently been a big increase in the number of strikes in Yugoslavia — 700 so far this year — and one economist suggests that up to 60 per cent of households are no longer able to afford even the bare essentials of life on the wages they earn.

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Alfonsín party faces Peronist challenge in vital election test

From Eduardo Cué, Buenos Aires

More than 19 million Argentinians vote tomorrow in crucial legislative and provincial elections that are likely to determine the direction of President Alfonsin's Government for the next two years and set the stage for the 1989 presidential campaign.

The polls – for half of the 254-member Chamber of Deputies, the governorships of the country's 22 provinces, and hundreds of local posts – are also important psychologically. Democratically elected governors have not been able to complete their four-year terms of office since 1962 because of a succession of military coups.

So the fact that the election is taking place is seen here as an important element in consolidating the country's fragile democracy.

The President said in a nationally televised speech on Thursday night: "September 6 exists because we have fought for it and obtained it together. I think that we should not forget that we have struggled to attain what we have."

Señor Alfonsin, by appearing in a broadcast two days before the vote, in effect confirmed that, although he is not up for re-election, he played a central role in the campaign. While the President did not appear at rallies during the long campaign, and refrained from endorsing any candidate or party on Thursday night, he suddenly defended his administration's record and implied that it merited a vote of confidence.

The stakes are enormous for both the Government and Peronist opposition. Both parties concentrated their efforts on the battle for the governorship of Buenos Aires province, where Argentina's population, industrial, financial and political power are concentrated.

If the Peronists can take the province from Radical control, they will receive a boost for the 1989 presidential campaign and be in a strong position to challenge Señor Alfonsin's Government on key issues. In addition, the divided Peronists would almost certainly rally around their victorious candidate, Señor Antonio Cafiero, in the race for the presidency.

One foreign observer remarked that if Señor Cafiero could win, the direction of the 1989 election would be determined, with the reformist wing of the Peronists taking an unassailable hold on the party.

Yet despite the massive television publicity for Señor Cafiero and Señor Juan Manuel Casellsa, his Radical opponent, public opinion polls show the two men to be separated by only 1.5 per cent, with more than 30 per cent of the electorate claiming to be undecided just days before the vote.

In the other provinces, the Peronists appear more fragile than the Radicals, if only because they now control 12 governorships to seven for the government party, with three others held by provincial parties. The Peronists are expected to lose four provinces, while the Radicals are likely to lose at least one.

In the Chamber of Deputies, the balance of power between Radicals and Peronists is not expected to change substantially, although the Government is likely to lose its slim two-vote absolute majority. Nevertheless, there will be many new faces in Congress, because only 29 of the 127 deputies to be chosen are standing for re-election.

The Union of the Democratic Centre party, which backs economic programmes such as privatization that would make Mrs Thatcher feel comfortable, is hoping to increase its representation in Congress from three to four seats.

Because voters who are disillusioned with the Radical Government are likely to vote for the Centre, the number of votes the party receives will be an important measurement of the electorate's discontent with mainstream politicians.

Whatever the outcome in the lower House of Congress, the Government will have to make alliances if it is to see its programmes become law.

This is especially true for constitutional reform, an issue likely to dominate the political debate during the next two years. The Radicals are intent on rewriting the constitution to allow the re-election of the President and create the post of Prime Minister to keep Señor Alfonsin in power after 1989.

As one diplomat put it: "The Radicals want Alfonsin to be able to be re-elected as President because he is the only unifying force within the party."



Riot policemen, one of them carrying a tear-gas bomb, dragging away a striker who was arrested yesterday morning during a clash between police and workers in front of the main gates of the Hyundai Heavy Industries plant at Ulsan.

Korean police raid strike strongholds

From David Watts, Seoul

In lightning raids during the early hours yesterday, South Korean police stormed into dormitories and factory sites to arrest hundreds of striking shipyard and car workers.

They took away more than 200 men from dormitories at the Hyundai shipyard in Ulsan and from an occupation force at the Inchon factory of the Daewoo Motor Company, where 2,500 riot police raided the plant before dawn. Later in the day, another 90 workers were arrested at the shipyard.

Police believe some of the men were behind the sacking of Ulsan city hall and arson and stoning attacks in the city on Wednesday. Some of the Daewoo workers had held hostage 18 members of senior management, including the company president, Mr Kim Chong Ung. They forced them to kneel at the front gate of the plant and demanded the release of jailed workers and medical treatment for the injured, shouting: "Kneel down and apologize."

The raids are a dramatic reversal of the Government's "hands off" policy, under which management and strikers have been largely left to sort out their own differences, with the police intervening when there was violence outside factory premises. The sight of heavy lifting equipment being driven down the main street in Ulsan and the violence of the past few days appears to have been too much for the Government.

There is also growing concern that continuing labour unrest will seriously affect the country's economic performance next year and slow growth to as little as 5 per cent compared with 15 per cent in the first half of the year. A growth rate of 7 per cent a year is required to maintain sufficient expansion of the job market to accommodate each year's crop of new workers.

Yesterday the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Chung Kwan Yong, gave a warning that from now on the Government would put police into factories where violence is used, regardless of management views. The Government has formed a special task force of 100 prosecutors and police to deal with labour unrest.

The opposition Reunification Democratic Party has joined the Government in condemning the violence.

The worst outburst of labour unrest in modern South Korea is the result of the release of years of a pressure-cooker atmosphere in which no unions except "yellow" in-house unions, with leaders appointed by the management, were permitted.

The result is a vast reservoir of mistrust and an almost total lack of experience in dealing with a real industrial dispute. The Government stands back and tells managements and workers to sort out their differences, but accuses anyone outside who tries to assist the process of being an illegal fomenter of union trouble.

Day of violence fails to halt Fiji progress towards reconciliation

From Stephen Taylor
Suva

Discussions intended to resolve Fiji's political impasse went ahead as scheduled yesterday and were successful enough for another session to be set for Tuesday.

But a series of violent incidents, which culminated last night in soldiers firing three shots outside the home of Dr Timoci Bavadra, the deposed Prime Minister, illustrated the underlying tensions. Dr Bavadra said he did not think he was in personal danger, but will discuss with advisers whether to demand that the next round of talks be held in his own political stronghold of Viseisei.

In referring to yesterday's talks, Dr Bavadra refused to depart from a joint communiqué issued after his meeting with Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, his arch-political rival and predecessor as Prime Minister. Their meeting was the first since the May 14 military coup, and was a vital – albeit tentative – step back to parliamentary rule.

Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, the Governor-General and executive ruler of Fiji since the dismantling of the coup, was chairman of yesterday's talks. There was no mention of the enormous differences that separate the two sides – such as the plan to rewrite the constitution to diminish the political voice of the ethnic Indian majority.

But during the talks a bizarre demonstration unfolded outside the government buildings. About a dozen members of the Taukei – a movement whose motto is "Fiji for the Fijians" and which was the emotional force behind the coup that overthrew Dr Bavadra – had donned traditional tribal dress, were daubed with ashes and had started a pyre near a statue of the great chief Caudrove, who ceded Fiji to Queen Victoria. The demonstration went on for more than an hour in defiance of an emergency regulation.

When the Taukei "warriors" spotted Mr Richard Naidu, press spokesman for Dr Bavadra, they chased him into the foyer of Suva's main hotel, where they beat him with clubs. Although police and soldiers were again present, no attempt was made to arrest the men. Mr Naidu was taken to hospital with a scalp wound.

Bavadra supporters set off on a reprisal raid, beating some Taukei. They went to Dr Bavadra's house in eastern Suva, followed by about 20 soldiers, who fired three shots as they stepped on to the Bavadra property. Dr Bavadra came out on to the balcony shouting: "Why are you shooting? Why you don't you shoot me?" The soldiers surrounded the house for about an hour and a half.

Whatever the differences that exist, both sides are clearly aware of the dangers to Fiji's economic stability if there is not some progress towards reconciliation.

Fire threat to giant California redwoods

San Francisco (AFP) – More than 8,000 people in California were evacuated from their homes as hundreds of thousands of acres of brush and timber blazed.

Soaring temperatures and steady winds fuelled fires that have been burning since Sunday across Western and Middle West states, officials said.

The worst damage was in California, where centuries-old giant redwoods are threatened and firefighters were attempting to put out 1,116 fires.

Blazes were also reported in Washington state, Wyoming and Montana. No one has been injured.

Killer jailed

Perth (Reuter) – A Queensland man, aged 24, was sentenced to 48 years' jail for sexually assaulting and murdering an English nurse, Miss Susan Frost, in the south-west town of Albany in May. Her family lives in Bodmin, Cornwall.

Jet box found

Bangkok (AFP) – Searchers have found the cockpit voice recorder from the Thai Airways Boeing 737 which plunged into the sea off southern Thailand on Monday, killing the 83 people on board, police said.

In mourning

Warsaw (Reuter) – Warsaw authorities shut down all cinemas and theatres yesterday as part of a day of mourning for 13 people who were killed in rail and tram disasters in the city in two separate accidents on Thursday. More than 120 were injured.

Condom ban

Johannesburg (Reuter) – South African censors have banned the sale of plastic key rings with condoms inside. No reason was given for the decision on the rings which were engraved with the legends "In Case Of Emergency Break Glass" and "Help Stamp Out Aids".

Cell protest

Funchal (Reuter) – About 120 prisoners on the island of Madeira have refused to return to their cells in protest at poor conditions and overcrowding, police said.

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Renewed tanker war in the Gulf

Iraqis outflanked by Iran's motorlaunch raiders

From Robert Fisk
Dubai

Given the calculated nature of their retaliation to Iraq's latest attacks on shipping in the Gulf, the Iranians appear to be winning Round 1 of the renewed tanker war.

From the small islands which they control — most of them conveniently situated beside the Gulf's principal sealanes — Iranian Revolutionary Guards have been able to assault unarmed merchant ships with impunity. Despite the increasing naval power of the Americans, Iranian attacks have continued at the rate of at least two a night, without so much as a suggestion that a single Iranian has been hurt in the process.

Thus — and this, of course, is an attractive view in Tehran — Iraq's new offensive has led inexorably to a tactical Iranian victory, to the further humiliation of the Americans, and the growing concern of Iraq's Arab allies in the Gulf at the latest development in the war.

The arrival of the US battleship Missouri in the Gulf of Oman — the sister ship of the New Jersey, that venerable but empty symbol of American power which so publicly shelled the valleys and forests above Beirut in 1984 — has, it seems, no more cowed the Iranians than did the New Jersey Iran's allies in Lebanon.

Four days ago the Kuwaitis fired a ground-to-air missile at a low-flying cloud, because humidity had given the vapour the image of an approaching jet aircraft on their radar screens.

More than two weeks earlier, an American fighter over the Gulf fired two rockets at an Iranian "plane" which is now believed to have been nothing more threatening than a freak heat band in the atmosphere.

This week Iranian Revolutionary Guards attacked a tanker partly loaded with Iranian oil. One of the first mines laid in the Gulf last month — presumably by Iran — exploded against another tanker carrying Iranian crude.

Few Arab leaders believe that this pattern of events can continue for much longer without real tragedy. Nor is there any sign that Iraq and Iran are in a mood for restraint. If Iraq is indeed being given intelligence assistance by the Americans for its latest offensive — as the Iranians suspect and as reports in Washington now say — then President Saddam Hussein is going to be in no mood to harness his bomber squadrons which are now marauding 500 miles down the Gulf.

Iran, whose military strength at sea lies in flexibility rather than firepower, is fighting a cheap offensive. The Japanese-made motor launches used by the



King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, right, said to have considered cutting oil prices to undermine Ayatollah Khomeini, left.

Revolutionary Guards to spray gunfire at tankers and other merchant ships have been bought by the dozen over the last six months and several European companies have now been asked to redesign the stern of these vessels.

Ostensibly modernized to ensure that the Iranian "fishermen" who supposedly use them can haul in their catch more easily by widening the stern and removing the guard rails, the vessels are now capable of sowing mines in large numbers and at short notice in any part of the Gulf. The old minelaying wooden dhow, which has so far performed this cumbersome task, is probably a thing of the past.

Perhaps the best military intelligence on Iran now comes from the Chinese who are one of the country's principal arms suppliers. Their own military technicians are reporting that the Iranians have built a factory near the port of Bandar Abbas to produce home-made mines to supplement the upgraded but very old weapons — originally manufactured in Tsarist Russia — which have hitherto been used in the Gulf. Furthermore, the Chinese say, the Iranians have sought acoustic equipment in the European market that can be fitted into these mines. They will then lie harmlessly on the seabed and rise only when attracted by the sound of a ship's engine, propellers or prop-wash.

It is into such projects — rather than any real hopes of remodelling the UN Security Council's ceasefire resolution to its own designs — that much Iranian energy is now being expended. It is easy to expand the war — with new mines, new raiding tactics and, for the Iraqis, with modernized systems of mid-air refuelling for long-range air strikes. It is not really difficult for the naval forces in the Gulf to produce counter-measures: a new convoy strategy for US-flagged Kuwaiti ships, extra sonar equipment for American helicopters, and the arrival of even more sophisticated equipment on board British minesweepers.

But for the Gulf belligerents, for the other regional powers and for the Western nations fast being sucked into the vortex of the conflict, it now seems nigh on impossible to reduce the temperature of the war.

Thus the Saudis, despairing of the United Nations, were at one point, it is said, considering the most drastic of all measures: a sudden and massive reduction in the price of oil that would break the Opec quotas and starve Iran of the cash it needs to continue the war. The idea seemed to have some merit to the Saudi royal family after the Iranians attacked their embassy in Tehran following the Mecca killings on July 31, fatally wounding one of their diplomats and beating up a member of the ambassador's family.

The Saudis were also particularly incensed by the systematic robbery of their Tehran embassy; for it is a fact that the Iranians who entered the compound carefully picked the locks of all the embassy safes, taking $40,000 (£24,000) in cash alone from the ambassador's personal vault.

Diplomats in Tehran who visited the wreckage of the Saudi embassy were astounded by the professional way in which the building had been looted; there were real locksmiths among the "spontaneous" demonstrators.

But if the threat of oil price cuts is a fearsome weapon in the hands of the Saudis, it is also inevitably self-defeating. Iraq, like Iran, relies on its oil exports to finance the war and, with scarcely any foreign currency reserve, Baghdad now owes an estimated $60 billion in foreign debts. Kuwait, one of Iraq's principal financial supporters, would see the $17 million in profits, which it has obtained from additional export of oil since the US reflagging of its tankers, disappear overnight.

So the Arabs remain as vulnerable financially as they often believe themselves to be militarily. Hence, ultimately, they too will have to depend on the United Nations for a settlement of the war, just as will the Americans and the Iranians themselves.

Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the Secretary-General, will have to resist the deadlines of the Americans and the delaying tactics of the Iranians.

Dirty war in Colombia

Actress exits in a hurry after 'death squads' announce their hit list

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

Vicky Hernández, a well-known Colombian actress, left the country secretly and in a hurry four days ago. Much more sedately and publicly, President Barco will do the same today, the difference being that he will be back in two weeks while her stay abroad is likely to be a long one.

A shocking spiral of political violence, from which the actress fled in fear of her life, has brought considerable pressure, resisted by Señor Barco, for the cancellation of his planned state visit to China, South Korea and the Philippines to promote trans-Pacific trade.

What is being increasingly likened to an Argentine-style *guerra sucia* ("dirty war") reached new depths a week ago when one of the nation's most eminent human rights activists, Dr Héctor Abad Gómez, was assassinated in Medellín.

Chillingly, a few hours later, an anonymous duplicated letter was distributed to the media listing 24 "future targets", including Señorita Hernández, another popular actor, a former Foreign Minister, a former Attorney-General, journalists, trade union leaders, intellectuals and two retired generals. Their politics ranged from left to centre and most were outspoken defenders of human rights.

Señorita Hernández is a supporter of the Unión Patriótica (UP), a fledgling socialist movement whose leader, Señor Jaime Pardo Leal, was also on the death list.

The UP emerged three years ago from a series of ceasefire pacts forged by the previous Government with the biggest subversive group, the Moscow-line Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Farc). Since then 430 UP activists have been assassinated without a single arrest. Señor Pardo has repeatedly charged that the violence is being orchestrated by paramilitary groups linked to the armed forces in an attempt to remove the UP from the political scene.

That the "dirty war" has taken a new and alarming turn was brought home to many Colombians by the murder of Dr Abad, a national figure and a member of President Barco's Liberal Party, other non-UP political killings, and the inclusion of well-known Liberals and one independent Conservative on the death list, indicating that the sights of the gunmen are set indiscriminately on moderates as well as left-wingers.



President Barco: tour to promote trans-Pacific trade.

Yet another factor is undoubtedly Colombia's first open mayoral elections, scheduled for next year. The UP is expected to win many mayoral races in rural Colombia, where the Liberals and Conservatives have historically had a monopoly of local power.

As President Barco's chief adviser on the peace process, Señor Carlos Ossa Escobar, sadly admits: "There are sectors who see the UP as a threat to the system and also see a symbiosis between the UP and the Farc."

Yet analogies with Argentina are suspect. Although the military remains a powerful constituency, few believe the killing is being co-ordinated by the Defence Minister, General Rafael Samudio, or that there is a danger of a takeover by the armed forces. Whether General Samudio is doing all he could or should to control maverick elements in the military, particularly at provincial level, is another matter.

It is no secret that the armed forces fiercely oppose the peace process begun under the last government and pursued more warily by Señor Barco. The Farc and the military have regularly exchanged charges of ceasefire violations.

Although the UP insists it is a completely separate entity from the Farc, it is clearly identified in the public mind with subversive groups. As a result its members seem to have become targets not only of sectors of the military but also wealthy landowners bitter over having to pay extortion to Farc over many years.



Ambulancemen taking Signor Maneredino, the captain of the Italian container ship Jolly Rubino, to a hospital emergency ward in Dubai. Two people were killed and the captain and a member of his crew were injured when a speedboat manned by four men, believed to be Iranian Revolutionary Guards, fired six rockets which hit the ship's bridge.

UN chief likely to insist on ceasefire

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

The United Nations Security Council met behind closed doors yesterday to lay out formally the conditions for a peace mission by Sēnor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the Secretary-General, to the Gulf next week. The mission was being seen as a final diplomatic effort to persuade Iran to accept a truce with Iraq before facing punitive sanctions.

The terms, which have already been drafted by the five permanent members of the council, were expected to include a pledge from the two sides that they would observe scrupulously a total ceasefire on land and sea during the mission and that they would not attempt to renegotiate Resolution 598, which contains the framework for a comprehensive settlement between Iran and Iraq.

Officials were insisting that unless the conditions were met the visit would only serve Iranian propaganda and would therefore not take place. The Secretary-General was expected to summon the Iranian and Iraqi representatives as soon as the council rubberstamped the terms, but it was not clear how quickly the responses would be delivered.

The five members — Britain, France, China, the United States and the Soviet Union — decided to exploit the opportunity created by Iran's invitation to the Secretary-General by attempting to force a respite in the attacks on Gulf shipping and allowing Iraq, which resumed the tanker war, a graceful retreat from its avowed determination to deplete Iranian oil reserves.

At the same time, the prohibition against renegotiating the text to suit Iranian interests was likely to bring to an end what has become a lengthy series of cryptic responses to the ceasefire demand. Iran was now faced with the uncomfortable prospect of accepting a measure politically untenable or losing the temporary protection from the Soviet Union and China from a determined sanctions drive.

Diplomats said that the fact that Moscow and Peking had agreed to the conditions to be attached to the Secretary-General's mission was testimony to their growing realization that Iran's strategy to procrastinate indefinitely on the ceasefire call had become too apparent, and that they could no longer shield Tehran from censure.

In addition, the attacks on Gulf shipping was once again intensifying anti-Iranian sentiment in the Arab world, which Moscow must balance with its desire to exert enough influence on Iran to extract peace concessions. If so, the Soviet Union would succeed in a policy that has eluded everyone else and would become the new arbiter of peace in the Gulf region.

Turks told by Demirel to vote for democracy

From Rasit Gurdilek
Ankara

Turkey votes tomorrow after an invective-laden campaign in a referendum to decide whether key former political figures should be allowed back into public life.

Mr Suleyman Demirel, the banned conservative leader, this week urged the nation to "remove a blemish from the country's democracy" and vote for the change.

He said that the Constitution, established after the 1980 military coup, was dictated following the overthrow of a properly elected government and failed to meet the needs of a democratic society.

Mr Demirel, the Prime Minister at the time of the coup, and other former leaders, such as Mr Bulent Ecevit, a Social Democrat Prime Minister, were banned by the military from politics until 1992. But under growing opposition pressure Mr Turgut Ozal, the Motherland Party Prime Minister, amended the Constitution to allow the referendum — but has campaigned vociferously against both politicians.

Mr Demirel and the True Path Party he supports have angrily countered Mr Ozal's argument that a "yes" vote would drag the country back to the chaos and terrorism of the pre-coup years, and have charged that Mr Ozal was in power only because former leaders were banned, their parties disbanded, and their successors not allowed to participate in the 1983 elections. Opinion polls are suggesting that, contrary to the Prime Minister's wishes, the country wants to see Mr Demirel and Mr Ecevit back in the fray of Turkish politics.

Challenge to Honecker on torture demanded

From John England, Bonn

West German human rights campaigners yesterday called on the Bonn Government to challenge Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, during his visit to West Germany next week over his country's 5,000 political prisoners, who were being "mentally and physically tortured".

Two former prisoners in East Germany also spoke at a press conference here, given by the German chapter of the International Society for Human Rights, of being beaten by prison officers.

The society said it had collected more than 2,000 petitions, mostly calling for relaxations on East-West family meetings and cancellations of orders preventing many West Germans from travelling to the East.

About 1,500 petitions from West Germans would be handed to the East German diplomatic mission in Bonn, but those from East Germany would be withheld until the mission promised that the petitioners would not suffer.

● **Dinghy escape:** Two East German men, aged 21 and 22, yesterday escaped to the West by rowing a rubber dinghy across the Baltic. At least nine East Germans fled to West Germany in the past two weeks.

Burundi bars door to Bagaza

By Michael Dynes

Colonel Jean-Baptiste Bagaza, the President of the Central African state of Burundi who was overthrown while attending the Francophone summit meeting in Quebec, yesterday arrived in the neighbouring state of Kenya, after being denied permission to land in the Burundian capital of Bujumbura.

Colonel Bagaza, who landed at Nairobi on a scheduled Air France flight from Paris, had earlier declined to make any statement about his overthrow.

The colonel, aged 41, who had maintained close ties with Moscow during his 11-year rule over one of Africa's most impoverished countries, is known to have become increasingly anxious about the loyalty of his 5,000-strong Army in recent months.

Despite presiding over a period of relative political stability, Colonel Bagaza's rule had been marred during the past year by repression of religious groups, particularly the Roman Catholic Church.

Over the past three years Colonel Bagaza has expelled most foreign missionaries, jailed many local priests and denounced the Church for attempting to undermine his authority.

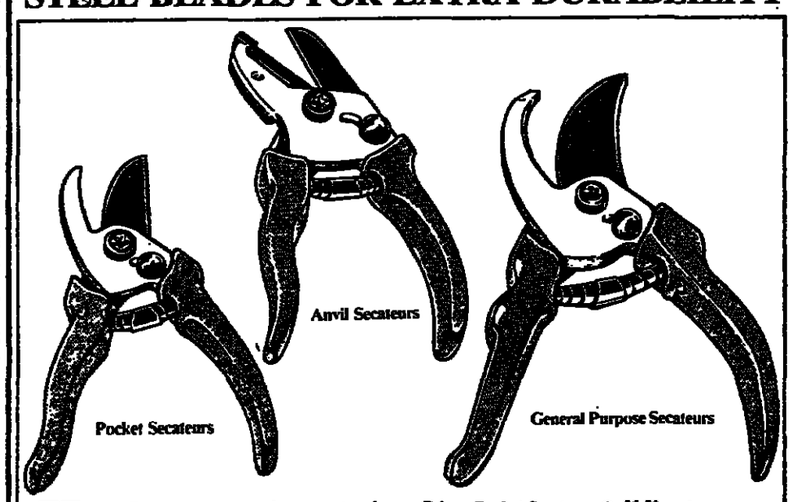
All communications with the Burundian capital were severed after a group of renegade soldiers led by Major Pierre Buyoya seized power, suspended the Constitution and established a Committee for National Salvation to take over the government.

Burundi state radio, which had earlier announced that the President had been relieved of his duties as head of the state, party and Army, continued to broadcast martial music yesterday.

Although the new military junta has imposed a dusk to dawn curfew and recalled all military personnel from leave, the coup is believed to have met with no resistance, and the safety of the 110 British residents in Bujumbura does not appear to be in jeopardy.

Colonel Bagaza joins a long list of African leaders deposed while making foreign visits, notably Ghana's Dr Nkrumah in 1966, Uganda's Dr Obote in 1971, and Sudan's General Nimeiry in 1985.

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Ultra-right racists gain ground in South Africa

From Nicholas Beeston, Johannesburg

When it comes to expounding on his vision of the brave new South Africa, Professor Johannes Schabort, the leader of the country's most right-wing movement, is not a man to mince words. Out go the blacks, the Coloureds (mixed race) and the Indians, and with them South Africa's apartheid laws, to be replaced by a racially pure white state, which will be at the vanguard of a global struggle to stop "non-white races who are destroying this planet".

In this country's increasingly polarized political world, it came as little surprise to South Africans earlier this year when Professor Schabort unveiled his hitherto underground movement, the Blanke Bevrydegingsbeweging (the White Liberation Movement).

"We felt that the existing movements of the right did not have the right principles," he told *The Times* this week. "We are growing very fast, in fact our administrative staff cannot cope with all the applications."

In essence, the movement's ideology is to restructure South Africa totally to "correct" the racial and economic policies, which he believes will lead to annihilation of the white man in Africa if left unchecked. Professor Schabort would "repatriate" blacks to their so-called tribal homelands, send Coloureds to trust areas and give Indians the choice of joining either one.

Quite what has triggered Professor Schabort's personal enthusiasm for a project which would cause no little hardship to his fellow man is not clear. But the former head of the department of biochemistry at the Rand Afrikaans University is adamant that this is the only workable option left, and claims that his solution has



Professor Schabort: seeks wholesale repatriation.

struck a chord in every layer of white society.

Unlike his right-wing counterparts in the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, the Herstigte Nasionale Party and the official opposition Conservative Party, Professor Schabort and his followers are self-avowed racists who want "total separation" of the races, even if it means sacrificing cheap black labour.

"We want to create a First World country not dependent on black labour, so industries would have to mechanize or close down," he explained. "It would mean closing down some mines, but this is the richest country in the world and would still provide a high standard of living for whites."

The most sinister aspect of his philosophy is the repatriation programme, which he hinted would help to compensate for the burgeoning black population, which would face certain starvation and disease in the rural slums of the homelands. "We have helped their (blacks') development enough and they have benefited by increasing their numbers," he said. "They have their own territories, they must go there and nature will look after their numbers."

Once that phase of the operation is over, Professor Schabort would move on to the "secondary problem" of dealing with the minority communities of Jews, Lebanese, Greeks and Portuguese.

Although his views are probably regarded sympathetically by only a small minority of whites in South Africa (he refused to divulge his membership figures), the public in general regards the White Liberation Movement at worst as a sad reflection of its country and at best as an offensive nuisance.

But the rise of such groups, and the recent memorial service for Rudolf Hess attended by up to 100 mourners in Pretoria, has sent shivers through some minorities. The country's underground Jewish Defence Organization has reportedly recruited 400 members in the past three weeks.

Professor Schabort said he had received letters of support from England, America and Australia.

SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

Vauxhall's new model

"The whole world is looking at the GM Vauxhall Conference," said Dutch football writer Jan Herman de Bruijn, fresh from watching Dagenham v Maidstone United. "It's the biggest thing in Europe this season." The Conference, one step below the Fourth Division, is running an offside experiment: the offside rule will not apply at corners, goal kicks or free kicks. De Bruijn has been monitoring the experiment for a magazine produced for Dutchmen interested in British football – it has a circulation of 150,000, believe it or not. He and a photographer asked Dagenham if they could watch one match from the top of the floodlight pylons but were persuaded that the roof of the stands was a good enough vantage point. The experiment that has so inspired de Bruijn has been sanctioned by FIFA, the international football organization, and our own Football Association. Managers in the GM Vauxhall Conference are less keen on the idea: it takes footballers only ten minutes to spot where a rule can be exploited. The great tactical advance from the experiment is that at free kicks, all the big blokes come up from defence and stand in front of the goalkeeper.

Try anything

It's nice to know that Hertfordshire provides the world with the renaissance men of sport. Not content with acting as a home for the mighty Tewin Irregulars, the county has also given us Mick Luckhurst, from Redburn. Luckhurst is a place kicker for the Atlanta Falcons American football team, and now he has become a professional golfer as well. By whacking a ball 258 yards he won a long driving competition organized by the National Football League – and with it a Cadillac. But the United States Golf Association decided that if he accepted the prize he must relinquish his amateur status. He promptly turned pro without a qualm. "It didn't bother me," said Luckhurst, cool dude that he is. "I only play golf a few times a year, so I felt it was a better option than having to forfeit the prize."

● Britain's two most rapidly expanding industries? Not surprisingly, banking and new technology. And challenging on the rails? Sport and leisure.

Black mark

The reserve umpire at today's NatWest final at Lord's will be Keith Lyons, the former Glamorgan player. The last time he was at Lord's for a big final was as a player, for the Gillette final between Glamorgan and Middlesex. While outside the Grace Gates, trying to give away some tickets, as he later explained it, he was arrested and taken to the police station for questioning. After some difficulty, he eventually persuaded the police to let him go and take part in the match. The final police verdict was, in fact, "not tout".

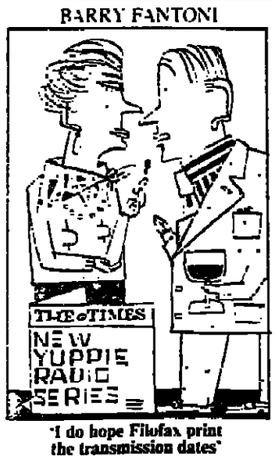
Rising star

What is Ian Botham's most delightful experience ever? As you would expect, just back from Barbados as I am, I have the answer. It was going up in a balloon near Bristol the other week. "The most breath-taking experience I have had in all my life," Our Boy said afterwards. "The sheer exhilaration of floating without power from a jet engine should not be missed by anybody if given the opportunity."

Hand it to him

More on the fascinating topic of people named after Derby winners. T.E.B. Clarke writes to tell me that the late Gilbert Harding only narrowly escaped being Orby Harding after being born on Derby Day 1907, and his father having had a successful punt thereon. But his mother put her foot down and carried the day. Mr Clarke writes: "At a dinner party many years later, Gilbert was introduced to a man of about his own age with a Christian name of Orby. Guessing that Orby's mother had been less masterful than his own, he brought the conversation around to palmistry and made the preposterous claim that he could tell the date of anyone's birth from the lines on his hand. Challenged to prove it, he studied Orby's palm and named the date precisely. No one who was there could get over the wonder of it."

BARRY FANTONI



"I do hope Filofax print the transmission dates"

An historic day for church unity

by Clifford Longley

When Cardinal Basil Hume states that the Roman Catholic Church is committed to church unity, it may mean a lot or a little. He has said it many times. He said it on Thursday to 350 of Britain's top church leaders, and they responded as if they had all just won the pools.

He was putting in position the final missing piece of an ecumenical jigsaw, the search for which has vexed church leaders for a generation. The ecumenical process had reached an impasse. All the build-up of goodwill was beginning to soak away. Yet another carefully contrived project to bring all the British churches together could have been going the way of previous wasted efforts – until the cardinal spoke.

The delegates were meeting at Swanwick in Derbyshire to review and complete a three-year operation, looking for something to replace the British Council of Churches, which had lost its path, looking for a way to involve the ordinary church member as never before, and looking above all for a way of getting the Roman Catholic Church to overcome its ecumenical shyness. The BCC had become too obviously an Anglican, Protestant, Free church grouping, and needed the impetus of Roman Catholic full membership to bring it new life. But it would not join.

The "hidden agenda" of the Swanwick meeting, therefore, was whether the Catholics would come aboard this time or not. On Thursday afternoon Cardinal Hume called the Catholic delegates together and told them he was ready to declare a full commitment, to make and announce a new official policy for the church. The delegation was solidly behind him, and the announcement was duly made. It electrified the conference, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, immediately hailed it as an historic moment.

By yesterday, as the conference drew to its close, this was becoming the settled judgement of everyone. It seemed a natural development, therefore, when it was announced yesterday that all members of the staff of the British Council of Churches had agreed that their contracts would expire simultaneously in 1990, when the council will be replaced by something rather clumsily labelled an "ecumenical instrument".

The cardinal's key statement was that the Roman Catholic Church was now ready to move "quite deliberately from a situation of co-operation to one of commitment". They should be willing to pray, work and act together, both nationally and locally, for evangelization and mission. And this should be official policy, at every level, with the eventual aim of "full communion, communion which is both visible and organic".

Significantly, the Clerk to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Rev James Weatherhead, was quick to add his church's welcome and endorsement – the Kirk is known for its ecumenical wariness where the Catholic Church is concerned. Yesterday the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Edinburgh and St Andrews, Mgr Keith O'Brien, announced Scottish Catholic endorsement: the Scots are technically under separate jurisdiction.

The details of the compact on which the meeting set its seal yesterday have yet to be fully worked out. But there will be a top layer of inter-church co-operation through regular meetings of all national church leaders. There will be local networks for parallel local co-operation. There will be regular meetings of an assembly drawn from all the churches. There will be open lines of communication between church governing bodies, which will commit themselves to consult each other before acting.

In practice this will mean that the question "What does the Roman Catholic Church have to say on this?" will become a routine stage in the business of the General Synod of the Church of England; "What does the Methodist Church have to say?" a routine question for the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference; and so on. In practice, an issue of concern to all the churches will go before the next church leaders' meeting, so that what is said is said in the name of all. It means that if the Archbishop of Canterbury goes to meet the Prime Minister on an issue, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, and leaders of other churches, will go with him.

It also means that the churches must get to grips as never before with their differences, still many and deep. Cardinal Hume spelt that out: "A Roman Catholic contribution will follow from a Roman Catholic concern about the content of our faith, about ecclesiology, about morality, the sacraments – questions which I believe, as a matter of urgency, we must explore together. Mission is of the essence of the life of the church, but so is the exploration of the mystery of God."

In return for the benefits of Roman Catholic vitality in the ecumenical process, therefore, the cardinal was telling them that his church will insist on being listened to and taken seriously. This last point throws much light on the ecumenical hidden agenda in Britain in the last few years. The Roman Catholic Church has felt that earlier offers of co-operation, such as membership of the British Council of Churches, would be likely to suffocate the distinctiveness of its message with the cotton wool of goodwill.

The cardinal held back, therefore, until he was persuaded by the tone of the Swanwick meeting that the other churches were prepared for a much closer, but much more risky and potentially painful, relationship.

They do indeed seem to be ready, but not necessarily fully prepared for all that it could entail. The immediate question, after Swanwick, will be whether the other churches are as fully committed as the Roman Catholic Church now is – an ironic overnight reversal of roles.

Richard Owen on an upsurge of anxiety over German reunification

Overtones of fatherland

Bonn

Is there a German Question? In one sense, the question was settled after the defeat of the Third Reich, and with every passing year the division of Germany appears more permanent. Erich Honecker's imminent visit to West Germany – he arrives in Bonn on Monday – underlines this. The five-day trip, the first by an East German leader, arouses fears elsewhere in Europe (perhaps more in France than in Britain) that the two Germanies are getting uncomfortably close.

Honecker's aim is to prove the reverse: that the 17 million people of the German Democratic Republic (GDR) form a self-contained communist state with a legitimacy of its own which seeks to co-operate rather than unite with the 61 million prosperous Germans on "the other side".

To some extent, the facts bear Honecker out. In the new climate of the Gorbachov era, East Germany has opened a few chinks in the Wall. East German pensioners can already visit the West, but more and more younger East Germans are also being allowed out "for urgent family reasons", a phrase which can be flexibly defined when the GDR chooses. The calculation is that the vast majority will go back to the East, and the vast majority do. Of the half a million or so who have visited the West so far this year, fewer than 1,500 stayed behind.

A similar calculation underlies Honecker's tolerance of the widespread East German practice of watching West German television. It broadcasts *Dynasty* into East German living rooms, but it also highlights the ills of Western society. Those East Germans who get to the West are overwhelmed by the abundance, but many also find they cannot cope with responsibility and initiative, not to mention having to compete for scarce jobs. Many head back to the predictabilities of "cradle to grave" socialism.

In any case, rapprochement between the two German states depends on the ups and downs of the superpower relationship. At the moment, it depends on the leeway Moscow is prepared to allow Honecker. Three years ago, he was forced to cancel his trip to Bonn because of the row over Nato missile deployments in West Germany. Three years later, an INF deal is on the cards, and



Chancellor Helmut Kohl has helpfully removed the final hurdle by agreeing to the scrapping of Pershing 1A missiles.

And yet both Moscow and Washington remain haunted by the thought that Germans of East and West might eventually – not during the Honecker visit, or even immediately after it, but eventually – find they have more in common with each other than with their respective alliance partners. German reunification is still enshrined in the West German constitution. The growing view on both sides of the Wall is that there is more to the great German past than the shameful but relatively short Third Reich.

For Moscow, all this stirs deep-seated fears of a dominant Germany once again able to threaten Russia. For Washington, the danger is that West Germany, lured by the siren voice of German national feeling, will drift away from Nato and the EEC towards a woolly neutralism enabling it to link arms with East Germany. France fears this too – hence the writer Francois Mauriac's oft repeated remark that he "liked Germany so much he was glad there were two of them".

Officials in Bonn provide reassuring antidotes to this kind of nervous speculation. Kohl this week dismissed talk of a "neutral central Europe" *(Mitteleuropa)* as an illusion. West Germany is firmly committed to Nato and the EEC and, indeed, increasingly dominates the Community by virtue of its industrial and financial strength, just as its frontline status makes it the focus of Nato's strategy in Europe.

But it is this very strength, this very physical role, which causes anxiety. When the mood in Bonn fluctuates the rest of the West watches closely, and of late the mood has been one of impatience and frustration with the EEC. From Bonn's point of view the Community has become bogged down in technical wrangling. Reforms in Brussels of agricultural policy always seem to hit German farmers hardest. Lurking not far behind such attitudes is some resentment over the way in which West Germany cannot flex its economic or political muscles without instantly being accused of arrogance and nationalism.

Gunter Gaus, Bonn's first representative in East Berlin after the 1972 agreement between the two states, repeatedly reminds West Germans that although East Germans share the same culture, the difference between the two systems is irreducible. So it is: East Germany has some private enterprise, private villas, pop music, even topless bathing, but it remains a police state under Soviet control. Most West Germans do not need reminding; they know that those "brothers from the East" who try to escape are shot, and Honecker's current order forbidding border killings is probably just for the duration.

None the less, emotional ties of language, geography and history cannot be underestimated, as the world will witness next week when Honecker visits his birthplace in the Saarland, which he has not seen since he fled it in Nazi times. A number of leading West Germans, including Hans Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, and Hannelore Kohl, the Chancellor's wife, were brought up in what is now East Germany.

The generation which at present has power on both sides of the divide, in other words, is the last to have known a united Germany. The real German Question, perhaps, is whether the impulse towards rapprochement will be stronger or weaker when the destinies of the two states are in the hands of men and women with no memories of Cold-war Germany.

Most West Germans under 40 have never seen Leipzig or Dresden: most of their counterparts in the East have never seen Hamburg or Cologne. Whatever the superpowers' wishes, the answer could depend on whether such younger Germans come to regard the division of their country as natural and unchallengable or – precisely because its origins are to them lost in the mists of time – as absurd and unnecessary.

Robert Kilroy-Silk

Save us from the judges

Lord Scarman is preparing to have yet another go at introducing a Bill of Rights into Parliament so as to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into British law. He should save his time and his energy. It will not be passed, nor should it be. There are overwhelming reasons of principle why such a constitutional change should be rejected, not the least of them that it would be inimical to our political system and retard social progress.

For the moment, however, let us lay aside principle and concentrate on the practical reasons why his lordship will be better employed on other activities this autumn. This is, quite simply, that a Bill of Rights would not have the effect that he so charmingly but naively suggests. It would not, that is to say, actually protect the "fundamental rights and freedoms" that he champions. No such document ever has, not the constitution of the United States nor even the most comprehensive of them all, the Soviet constitution. The adventure will end in tears.

The reasons are obvious. The first is that the rights and freedoms that he seeks to entrench will still be at the disposal of Parliament. What it makes it can also destroy. More important is that they would be at the mercy of the ignorance, the prejudices, the whims and the fancies of judges. It is they who have been selected by Lord Scarman as the guardians of our rights, the protectors of our liberties. It is on their intellectual ability and integrity, their political wisdom and plain common sense, that our freedoms would depend. It is not a happy thought. Our judges do not have a particularly good record in this area, at least not recently.

Few better examples of the shortcomings of the judges and of the danger of entrusting our individual rights to them can be provided than that of the Wright case. When put to the test these putative guardian angels of the people placed the needs of the government and the security services before those of the freedom of the press and of information.

Indeed Lord Scarman himself rushed into the letter columns of *The Times* after the interim injunction had been granted – but before the reasons for it had been published – to assert that their lordships had "overlooked" the "more fundamental law providing the right of the public to access to information already in the public domain and the public right of free speech . . ." and that we therefore needed a Bill of Rights "to educate all of us as to our true priorities in the law".

Yet the people who "overlook" "fundamental" laws and rights, and who need educating in legal priorities, are precisely the ones that he would set up as the final guarantors of our liberties. Few would share his faith in them, not now, if ever. Moreover, his presumption that his former judicial colleagues had somehow overlooked, forgotten or just ignored the fundamental laws was not correct. Had he waited for the judgment he would have seen that they had fully taken them into account, but only to place a lower order of importance on them than that accorded by Lord Scarman and most of the rest of us. Indeed, both the majority and the minority of the court insisted that their decision was in conformity with the European Convention.

And that, of course, is part of the problem with a Bill of Rights, or anything else that is left to the interpretation of the judiciary. Judges don't always get it right. They often have different values, never mind priorities, than the rest of us. They live in another world, or seem to. Not the most carefully crafted constitution, nor the finest words of a Bill of Rights, will come to anything when it comes to their enforcement. Those who have to make a reality of the principles have, as *The Times put it*, attitudes "more easily comprehended by Mr Charles Dickens".

Nor is it just a matter of words and their meaning. Judges also have to make political decisions. No freedom is absolute. It cannot be. Lord Scarman should know this. He must realize that any attempt to put all rights and freedoms on a level: to assert that they are equal, to entrench them, to give the impression that they are inalienable and inviolate, is doomed to disappointment. One freedom – or right – at a given time has to be balanced against another. Their lordships know this. Lord Brandon was at pains to point out that he supported "the general principle of freedom of expression of the press". So did Lord Templeman.

But they also pointed out, as Lord Scarman seems to have forgotten, that even his wonderful European Convention allows exceptions. It particularly provides that the presumption in favour of the freedom of the individual as well as of the press can be overridden by the need to protect national security. The question then becomes a simple one. Lord Templeman enunciates it: "The question was whether the interference with freedom of expression . . . was necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security . . ."

He, and a majority of the court, thought that it was. Whether we agree with the decision does not matter in this context. What matters is that if Lord Scarman was to have his way we should be compelled to place all of our hard won rights in the hands of men with strange logic, peculiar attitudes and funny priorities. Give me Parliament any time. At least we can get rid of the latter.

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Wasps stung by busy bees

New York

"Those Asian-American Whiz Kids," blared the back-to-school issue of *Time*, displaying on its cover a group of oriental children festooned with basketballs, spiral-bound notebooks and other reassuring symbols of American student life. The weekly news magazines here play an important role in shaping what Americans think of themselves, but on this issue *Time*'s fidelity to prevailing taboos left it little to say.

The impact of the current wave of immigrants from Asia – by which is meant China, Indo-China, Korea and to a lesser extent Japan – has become a hot topic of middle-class conversation here. The immediate reason: it has suddenly and savagely intensified competition to get into America's 50 or so top colleges.

Asians constitute only 2 per cent of the population, but this autumn they make up 14 per cent of the first-year students at Harvard, 20 per cent at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and 25 per cent at the Berkeley campus of the University of California. In particular disciplines, the proportions are even more extraordinary. Berkeley's engineering students are 40 per cent Asian.

This phenomenon is a direct result of the Immigration Act of 1965. At that time the US, like other English-speaking countries, began to allow the mass immigration of non-Europeans. Most of these have gone to the bottom of the social ladder, but Asians have shot to the top. Last year, the first-ranked student at the US Air Force Academy, America's Cranwell, was a Vietnamese refugee who got here when he was nine.

For liberal intellectuals, the arrival of the Asians is disturbing. A successful non-white group makes it difficult to argue that the continued underperformance of blacks in American society is due solely to racial discrimination, which government intervention is required to correct. And it also raises the possibility, supported by IQ tests, that the Asians' prowess is due to racial differences in inherited intelligence.

Asians also add a new twist to the tortuous issue of racial quotas. These were explicitly banned in America by the 1964 Civil Rights Act. But federal judges and bureaucrats allow – and indeed require – quotas when they benefit groups like blacks and "Hispanics" who seem unable otherwise to succeed in proportion to their numbers.

It is perfectly clear that many colleges have informally set limits on their intake of Asians. This makes liberals uneasy, particularly Jewish liberals who remember that they were subject to identical restrictions until well after the last war. On the other hand, there is the real possibility that without such safeguards their own children might not gain admission.

The compromise that liberal opinion appears to be groping towards, implicitly supported by *Time*, is that quotas are all right as long as they get people in – not when they keep people out. This, of course, is logically absurd. What one group wins, another loses. In this case, the losers are the American whites, squeezed from both sides.

Perhaps the ultimate losers are the Wasps, white Anglo-Saxon Protestants, the original American stock. At Harvard, for example, it is probably reasonable to assume that another 15 to 20 per cent of first-year students will be Jewish, and perhaps 15 per cent blacks, Hispanics, American Indians and other members of what bureaucratic jargon calls the "protected classes". Then there are the Catholics. It doesn't leave much room.

Maybe this is a good thing. But it must be remembered that Harvard, and most leading colleges here, are private institutions that were originally founded by Protestant religious sects to promote specific values. The total transformation of their character since the middle years of this century is an important cultural event, worth at least a paragraph in *Time* – which it didn't get.

What did get paragraphs, because it's readily deplorable, were the isolated instances of discrimination. But my observation, for what it's worth, is that Asians are widely respected, even popular; and oddly closer in their attitudes to Wasps than some other European immigrant groups have been. Nevertheless, America is only beginning to reap what the 1965 Immigration Act sowed.

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Realism: a guide for the Nineties

In thinking about policies for the 1990s, we have to rid ourselves of one inhibition: that Mrs Thatcher is the Devil Incarnate, and her political reign some strange and inexplicable aberration in British history. This is to give her an undeserved reputation for both malevolence and radicalism. Much more than we are prepared to admit, necessity, not ideology, was the mother of this government's invention. Many of the new directions charted by Mrs Thatcher were simply a response to economic failure.

We have to recognize not only the relative affluence of the many but the relative decline of the British economy. And we must face the fact that we cannot support a postwar welfare state on a prewar tax base.

On present policies there is no prospect of substantially reducing unemployment. It is not true that new technology has made a fraction of our population permanently redundant. It is not true, either in relation to the unsatisifed wants of the British people or when we consider the unsatisfied needs of the Third World.

We can and should get back to full employment, but cannot do so if unemployment is the only way to keep down inflation. That is why Social Democrats have to take supply-side policy seriously. By this I don't mean cooking up even more ingenious and implausible schemes for permanent incomes policies and trying to get business and union monopolies to behave better; I mean making markets work. Conservative policy is supply-side policy minus the full-employment commitment. The SDP's would be supply-side policy designed to make a full-employment commitment possible and credible.

In social policy, does anyone believe that, given the budget constraint, our social and educational services can continue to be maintained and improved entirely out of public funds? People say they would rather pay higher taxes than allow the social services to deteriorate: it is quite a different matter when it comes to restoring taxes which they have become used to not paying. If we accept that tax revenues are unlikely to be adequate to maintain the kind of services we need and deserve we are faced with a simple choice. Either we stick to the universal principle and allow our public services to decay or we look boldly for ways of injecting private finance into a mixed system, so as to enable us to concentrate limited resources on the least advantaged.

As a Social Democrat I would certainly prefer the second, and, wherever possible, voluntary contributions rather than fees and charges. Our social services were built up on the voluntary principle. It is part of our reforming heritage, extinguished by the state and the taxman, that we should not be afraid of reviving and adapting to modern conditions.

There has been a lot of talk recently about the so-called "underclass" – the large number of poor who seem to be trapped in hopeless dependence on state charity. How to break this dependence without cutting off the lifeline is the most difficult problem of all in social policy. The guiding principle for Social Democrats must surely be the concept of the "enabling state" – the principle that social provision for the very poor must be to enable them to stand on their own feet. All "caring" interventions must have "coping" objectives. Mrs Thatcher's social policy has been a gamble on the strong. I would like to see us gamble on the weak, and help make them strong.

We should also have a guiding principle on defence – that Western Europe is too wealthy, and ought to have too much self-respect, to remain for ever a military protectorate of the United States. I cannot understand those on the left who continue to rely on the United States to defend their liberty but who propose to close American military bases in Britain.

We and the Liberals are the only grouping in British politics which takes Europe seriously. If we value our independence we have to keep our own nuclear deterrent. If we value the independence of Western Europe we must be prepared to contribute our own deterrent to a minimum European deterrent; not as a replacement of the American, but as an insurance policy. We Social Democrats have already shown that we are willing to go down a road which, I feel sure, the the US budget deficit will eventually force us to travel.

Two questions need to be answered. Could a Social Democratic party reasonably and effectively espouse the approaches which I have outlined? And, if so, are they likely to be the kind of approaches ground out by the machinery of a merged party?

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DISASTER IN BANGLADESH

While parts of India are suffering their worst drought in living memory, neighbouring Bangladesh is under water. More than 24 million people, a fifth of the population, are starving or homeless after some of the most devastating floods in its history.

The problem is not new. Rain in the monsoon season annually swamps the vast, low-lying, densely-populated deltas in which millions make a living from subsistence farming. The swollen rivers break their banks, as they have for centuries past, and flood the surrounding fields.

This deadly cycle has been exacerbated by human intervention in recent years. Forests have been cut down in Nepal and northern India. The erosion of topsoil caused by the removal of tree roots has allowed rainwater to drain southwards, leaving the local region with too little water and the people of Bangladesh with far too much.

There are programmes to combat the danger, including the protection of villages with dykes and the redirection of the deep brown waters. But the problem is so vast and the country so vulnerable by its very geographical position that it is hard to envisage a comprehensive answer.

The people who live in the blighted areas have resisted government attempts to move them to higher ground. The farmland in the Ganges delta is fertile. Much as farmers elsewhere will plant their crops and vines on the fertile slopes of dormant or active volcanoes, Bangladeshi peasants accept the risk of occasional disaster for the sake of good yields at other times. It is a fatalistic attitude in a fatalistic culture.

Which is not to suggest that the world can turn its back on Bangladesh. It cannot and must not. The worst effect of these floods is yet to come. Government emergency programmes and foreign aid may cushion the delta's families for a while. But then the loss of crops and cattle will bring famine.

What the world can do, however, is strictly limited. The country is already the second highest recipient of British aid (after India), receiving about £40m a year. Foreign aid in general is estimated to account for two-thirds of the annual national income. Nor are donor countries eager to increase this, given the amount of aid which tends to go go astray through corruption and inefficiency.

President Ershad, like some of his predecessors, is said to have learned to live with recurring disasters – which at least divert critical attention from political and economic problems in Dhaka. One way in which he might help improve the lot of his people is by continuing the fight against over-population. His government has already won praise for its work in this direction. But Bangladesh's population is still far too high for comfort – for the resources of its territory and its size. Meanwhile the rest of the world, in the simple interests of humanity, can only help relieve the suffering of those who live there as they limp past yet another episode in its history of natural disasters.

SAINT AND CESSNA

Herr Mathias Rust is a lucky young man. Having confounded the might of the Soviet air defence system and lived to tell the tale, he has now confronted the full weight of the Soviet legal system and emerged with a sentence less than half the ten year maximum he and his family must have feared. The prosecutor's calls for eight years in a strict regime labour camp have been translated into four years in the lowest category of camp. That is no rest cure, but Rust should still be a young man when his sentence is spent – if he has to serve it.

Without contesting either the verdict, which was a foregone conclusion, or the process of Soviet law, about which serious questions can be raised, the sentence has logic. It is not so harsh as to raise an immediate clamour from the West about the quality of Soviet justice. Nor is it so lenient as to outrage those for whom Rust's solo flight to Red Square was an unpardonable blow to Soviet prestige.

Principles have been upheld: that national frontiers are not to be violated and that unsanctioned flights endanger lives – in the air and on the ground. These principles are incontestable, and the Soviet Union is not alone in wanting to ensure that they are enforced. Now the principles have been established, however, it is hard to see what further interest Moscow would have in keeping Rust on Soviet territory for another four years.

For the Soviet leadership, Rust's continued presence in the Soviet Union would serve as a constant reminder of the day on which a Western teenager humiliated Soviet air security. Better to tolerate the inevitable blaze of publicity that will accompany his return home and wait for it to subside. The alternative is four more years of publicity, to be followed by the labour camp memoirs.

So long as Rust is in a Soviet labour camp, moreover, he will constitute a political issue between the Soviet Union and West Germany, and to some extent between East and West. There are sufficient irritants in Soviet-West German relations already without adding another unnecessarily. The freeing of Rust would be a gesture of goodwill that could improve a relationship that is of commercial, as well as political importance to Moscow.

When the Soviet Union's sense of humiliation fades, it can be argued that Rust's airmanship did the Soviet air force and Mr Gorbachov a favour. In evading the Soviet Union's extensive air defences, Rust illustrated more clearly than anything else could have done – and more harmlessly – the shortcomings of the Soviet defence sector and of modern defences generally when faced with the primitive and the unexpected. His flight also enabled Mr Gorbachov to begin a wholesale purge of the military establishment, an enterprise for which he had arguably lacked the authority before.

Nor is Rust's continued detention in the Soviet Union likely to deter others. The chief attraction of flying undetected to the Kremlin is in being the first to do it. The chief deterrent is the risk of being shot down. Rust's success reduces the attraction and increases the risk many times over.

In every possible way, Rust's exploit was exceptional; as such; it merits exceptional treatment. The forthcoming seventieth anniversary of the October Revolution, for which an extensive amnesty has already been announced, offers an opportunity for Moscow to show clemency without losing face.

Whatever the Soviet Union decides – and the decision (like the decision to put Rust on trial) will probably pit the Kremlin's sticklers for principle against its pragmatists – the young West German pilot will have his memories, and so will we. The image of Herr Rust's Cessna (c.1981) parked in front of the oriental domes of St Basil's Cathedral (c.1560) will live in the mind's eye for a very long time.

FOURTH LEADER

The workers of the Renault car firm recently went on strike, partly to protest against the dismissal of nine of their number whom they claimed had been victimized, and partly to indicate their opposition to the privatization of the company, about which there have been rumours. In furtherance of their twin objects, they staged a public demonstration.

Some might think it wrong for a British commentator to take sides in a foreign industrial dispute; it is not, however, the rights and wrongs of the matter that provoke comment, but the venue. The demonstration took place on the roof of the Paris Opera.

There has been no authoritative statement from the union of the reason for this curious choice, and speculation is thus left free to roam. No doubt some of the management of the Opera drive Renaults, but that must be true of hundreds of French institutions: why such singling out? And although it is true that in that entertaining film, *The Italian Job*, the cars in the chase-scene drove across the roof of a large building on their escape route, anyone familiar with Paris knows that the roof of the Opera is unattainable on wheels, whether the wheels are made by Renault or Rolls-Royce.

Nor is there any evidence that the singers, persuaded by the men's case, had made common cause with them and agreed to give an alfresco benefit performance. Certainly, the stirring notes of Domingo or te Kanawa floating down upon the Place de l'Opera would stop the traffic, and not only Renaults, but it seems that the day passed without any musical accompaniment.

Possibly the head of the Renault firm is a passionate opera-lover, but it is hardly likely that his taste for the lyric drama is sufficiently well-known among the Parisian public for them to draw unaided the correct conclusion from a manifestation on the roof of the Opera. As for the suggestion that the management of the Opera had selected a Renault for the car in Act Three of *Götterdämmerung*, it is simply too far-fetched for belief. (You didn't know there was a car in Act Three of *Götterdämmerung*? Wait till Mr Jonathan Miller gets around to it.)

It may be, of course, that the nine dismissed Renault workers had been sacked because they took time off without permission to go to the opera, but surely even the most irresponsible union could hardly defend such conduct, even if the General Secretary was an opera-buff himself.

Stay! The solution to the mystery has been in plain view all this time. Surely, if you want to know what is going on on the roof of the Opera, ask what is going on on the stage. Without doubt, the work playing in the evening of the demo-day must have been *Carmen*.

Here and there

From the Master of Haileybury

Sir, I have recently returned from Florida and I have to report that their waiters, waitresses and shop assistants are ahead of ours. Throughout the state "There you go" has become "Away you go" – fortunately a greeting rather than an injunction and its apparent brusqueness invariably belied by attentive and smiling courtesy.

Yours faithfully,
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Treatment of trauma

From Mr Alan Leaman

Sir, Much of what Stephen Westaby has to say about the accident and emergency service in this country (report, August 29) is misleading but this is an inevitable consequence when a doctor chooses to make comments about a speciality which is not his own. There is certainly scope to improve the management of major trauma but the care of these patients and of the others seen in departments of accident and emergency medicine has never been better and continues to improve.

Most of these departments are now run by consultants formally trained in this speciality and all of them are experienced in the initial management of major trauma. It is true that much of the service is provided by junior doctors, but this is so for most other specialities in hospital. Because of the difficult nature of the work junior staff in accident departments receive more formal training than in any other speciality.

As to delays in treatment all patients with major trauma are seen immediately. Only those with what Mr Westaby chooses to call "medical trivia" have to wait their turn.

Finally, most major trauma is preventable and before spending more on treatment we should examine ways of avoiding such injuries. Tightening up the drink-driving law would be a good start.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Community's record on food aid

From the Vice President of the European Commission responsible for Development

Sir, Sheila Gunn's article in *The Times* of September 3 gives a false impression concerning the European Community's food aid programme for developing countries which is not wholly corrected by your leading article of the same date.

The Court of Auditors' report, to which the Commission has replied in detail, reviews food aid operations between 1979 and 1983 and highlights only a small number of cases (90 consignments out of 8,000 during the period) where food aid deliveries failed to reach the usual quality standards.

The Commission was of course fully aware of certain shortcomings in this area before the Court of Auditors published its report. On my initiative, the Community had already undertaken a fundamental reform of its food aid policy, culminating in new legislation approved in December, 1986.

A central feature of this reform is that the Commission itself has, as of July 1, 1987, taken over direct responsibility for the management of food aid consignments which in the past was undertaken by the intervention agencies of the member states. The simplified procedures now introduced will allow closer supervision and a means of compensating recipient countries if the quality of food aid falls short of requirements.

I entirely agree with you, Sir, concerning the importance of triangular food operations, where indeed the Community has been leader among food donors in financing the purchase of food surpluses in developing countries close to deficit areas.

More generally, the Commission is entirely aware that food aid is an instrument which has to be used with extreme care in order to avoid the destruction of local production, or the introduction of new and costly food habits. Since taking up my present responsibility as Commissioner for Development, I have consistently held that the developing countries must not be made the dumping grounds for Europe's food surpluses. Since 1982, this has been the clearly laid down policy of the European Community and my wish would be that other food aid donors should act on the same lines.

I regret ill-informed criticism of the Community's food aid policy which can create in your readers' minds the impression that food aid is indeed a "catalogue of disasters". The Community's food aid programme proved its worth during the African food crisis of 1984-1985, when 2.3 million tonnes of food aid significantly contributed to the survival of millions of Africans. Food aid, properly administered jointly by the Commission and the recipient governments, remains a significant and indispensable force for development.

Yours faithfully,
LORENZO NATALI,
Vice-President responsible for Development,
Commission of the European Communities,
Rue de la Loi 200,
B-1049 Brussels,
Belgium.
September 3.

New political party

From the President of the Liberal Party

Sir, Liberals like myself are accused of being vindictive when we decline to assure David Owen, John Cartwright and Rosie Barnes that our new party will not contest their seats at the next general election (SDP conference reports, August 31-September 3).

There are, in fact, three reasons why it is impossible to offer such assurance now:

First, if we did, we would be saying to them that no matter what they do over the next four years, no matter what they say, no matter what policy differences arise, no matter how much they condemn and criticise our party, they will not be opposed. It would be a blank cheque. I cannot believe that any party could do that at this point.

Second, if the new party is to be genuinely democratic, genuinely decentralised, how can we, before it even exists, decide that three of the local parties will be unable to have their own candidate, effectively unable to participate in the general election? It is essential that they are involved in the decision.

Third, we do not know how the public will respond to the new party. If, as we hope, it captures their imagination, and rises in the opinion polls, so that it is seen to be a substantial contender at the general election, as a real and credible alternative to the two old vehicles of vested interest, then every voter in the country will want at least the option of supporting it. Are we to deny that to voters in Greenwich, Woolwich, and Plymouth Devonport?

Obviously we are all sympathetic to the suggestion that we should not oppose the three; but it must be obvious from the above that it is impossible to commit ourselves until we see how the new party develops, how the voters respond, and, yes, how the three MPs behave too.

Yours,
DES WILSON, President,
The Liberal Party,
3 Endsleigh Street, WC1.
September 3.

Flow country forests

From Mr C. G. Headlam

Sir, In about 1980 I joined a party of professional foresters to look at some Forestry Commission and private company forestry near the River Thurso in Caithness.

A discussion developed as to whether the Sitka Spruce planted could root properly with very deep ditches set very close together to drain the peat. One side argued that the ridge should be left wide enough to plant two rows of Sitka which would then each protect the other row from wind-blow.

Within a few months a scientific paper was published which showed that the species' thick roots, which anchor the tree, could not possibly develop in such overwet situations (the Flow Country) except along the ridges.

Nobody in my hearing made any reference whatever to the harmful effect on the Thurso (a famous and valuable salmon river) of the peat, acid and silt run off from this large-scale ditching. Nobody made any mention of the penalty in making trees vulnerable to attack by insect predators by planting them in what the Chairman of the Nature Conservancy Council (August 10) calls these "naturally treeless peatlands". All these foresters knew of the experiment at Rismdale a few miles away, in drier peat, in which the entire area (of Lodgepole Pine) was killed out by caterpillars.

It is far from being the case, as Lord John-Mackie claimed in his article (August 1), that "Forestry has become the victim of the conservation lobby".

In relation to planting on such peatlands the forestry indsutry has been led astray by the Forestry Commission's lack of regard to reasonable use of land, and by the way it has framed its grant-aid regulations so that the taxpayer has to subsidise forestry (*sic*) in "naturally treeless peatland".

Yours etc,
CHRISTOPHER HEADLAM,
Orchard Close,
East Chinnock,
Yeovil, Somerset.
August 10.

Second-hand letters

From Sir John Rawlins

Sir, Like many people who are semi-retired I am involved in much correspondence with people who seek advice from one who has an extensive background of applied research in several fields. Accordingly I make use of a very efficient part-time secretary who, having small children, does most of her typing at home. She signs my letters on my behalf in order to avoid the delay and expense of returning them to me for my signature.

If anyone is such a pompous ass as to feel offended thereby he is most welcome to take his problems elsewhere. I say "his" problems because I do not believe a woman would have such an inflated sense of self-importance.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN RAWLINS,
Wey House,
Standford Lane, Headley,
Bordon, Hampshire.

From Mr Herbert Spencer

Sir, The late Sir John Betjeman would end his reply to a letter signed by a secretary on the absence of the originator: "Written by his secretary and signed in her absence by John Betjeman".

Yours faithfully,
HERBERT SPENCER,
75 Deodar Road,
Putney, SW15.
September 2.

Debt to Europe

From Mr Peter Carpenter

Sir, The proposal for compiling a record of refugees to this country in the 1930s who made a significant contribution to it (letters, August 24 and 27) is not only pertinent but timely. For many who "qualify" are no longer with us.

An example is Kurt Hahn, without whom there would be today no Outward Bound Schools, no United World Colleges, no Duke of Edinburgh's Award, etc. The University of Cambridge recently established a scholarship in his memory.

Yours faithfully,
PETER CARPENTER (Trustee,
University of Cambridge
Kurt Hahn Trust),
8 North Terrace,
Cambridge.
August 29.

Hungerford killings

From Mr P. G. Rycart

Sir, The decision by both BBC and ITV to withdraw certain programmes as a result of the tragic shootings in Hungerford brings to light a wholly unacceptable form of hypocrisy.

Either these programmes have been considered as well-made, acceptable viewing, ready to beam into family living rooms as suitable viewing, or not. If they are not, why were they scheduled in the first place?

When do these "withdrawn" programmes become "acceptable" again? Ten days? Two weeks? Or is it all right now that the funerals are over?

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK RYECART,
Victoria Palace Theatre,
Victoria Street, SW1.
August 30.

Exam results in comprehensives

From the Headteacher of Plashet School, Newham

Sir, So comprehensive schools have to take yet more criticism. Following the 16+ examination results, a Mori poll out last week (report, August 27) claims three out of five parents favour a return to selective education.

Exam results have to be judged by and in the context of the circumstances in which they are achieved – something which mere figures and percentages cannot convey. But to counter such unfounded allegations that (as one national newspaper has commented) comprehensive schools have "failed to deliver the goods" in terms of academic results, one has to resort to doing just that and quote facts and figures.

Plashet School may not be the centre of academic excellence it could be, but out of 220 girls entered this year for the 16+ examination in English language, 82 obtained the equivalent of an O-level pass; and out of 165 girls entered for English literature, 63 obtained the equivalent of an O-level pass. Of the remainder, 136 and 81 respectively obtained the equivalent of 2, 3 and 4 CSE grades. The remaining two pupils obtained grade 5 and no pupil was unclassified in either subject.

These are creditable results for pupils of all abilities, by anyone's standards. But when one takes into account the fact that they were attained by pupils who in educational terms may be defined as "developing bilinguals" their true significance can be appreciated.

A language other than English is spoken in over 60 per cent of pupils' homes, for some of whom English is the second language. Since language is absorbed through culture and environment – the home being the most significant – the achievement of these pupils should not be underestimated. The fact that out of a total of 385 entries not even one was unclassified must be to the credit of the comprehensive education they received and the teachers in the school.

Our English results are only one example of how "goods are delivered" in a comprehensive school in Newham. The fact is that in comprehensive schools up and down the country worthwhile and creditable work is being done not only in achieving good exam results but also in providing good overall education to those who are neither "selected" nor born into "comfortable" homes.

Yours faithfully,
HEATHER WILLIAMS,
Headteacher,
Plashet School, Plashet Grove,
East Ham, E6.
September 1.

Religious studies

From Mr Brendan Moran

Sir, I am gravely concerned that Kenneth Baker's proposals for a national curriculum mean the end of religious studies as an exam subject in most British schools.

Under the Baker plan religion is a non-foundation subject which can only be taught in non-foundation time of about six periods per week. Religion will therefore be competing for time with a host of other non-foundation subjects.

After five years of this system there will be virtually no students studying religion at A level. After 10 years there will be virtually no trained religion teachers emerging from college to teach what little religion survives in British schools.

Yours sincerely,
BRENDAN MORAN,
25 Woburn Court, Vincent Road,
Luton, Bedfordshire.
August 26.

Plastic prison

From Mr Rainer Burchett

Sir, While I normally find myself in complete agreement with Bernard Levin in his articles on the need for personal responsibility, I feel that in his piece (August 24) his aim is, for once, off target.

Surely a person susceptible to spendthrift impulses *is* acting responsibly in refraining from becoming equipped with the means of succumbing to such impulses, i.e., a credit card. Such persons may reasonably feel aggrieved if others persist in putting temptation in their way by issuing credit cards regardless of their wishes. Only saints deliberately surround themselves with temptation in order to test and demonstrate their ascetic resolve.

Yours faithfully,
R. BURCHETT,
29 Aldenham Avenue,
Radlett,
Hertfordshre.
August 26.

Art treasures Bill

From Mr John Bratby, RA

Sir, Regarding the Government's proposed bill to allow public art galleries to sell unwanted works (report, August 31), if this had been in force when I was at art school, when Pre-Raphaelites were at an all-time low and thought to be aesthetic rubbish, they would all have disappeared through Sotheby's and Christie's, decades ago.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN BRATBY,
The Cupola and Tower of the Winds,
Belmont Road,
Hastings, East Sussex.
August 31.

On the scrapheap

From Mr J. Parfitt

Sir, We have become used to hearing rubbish dumps described as Civic Amenity Sites. But what is to be made of yesterday's televised exhortation from the Avon Fire Brigade that, to avoid danger from bonfires, we should take our rubbish to self disposal facilities?

Immolation before incineration?

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
JOHN PARFITT,
South Gables,
Cotswold Mead,
Painswick, Gloucestershire.
August 29.

Lines of defence

From Mr B. G. Coward

Sir, Being "in a meeting" (September 2) must be rather more comfortable, I imagine, than being "tied up at present" which is the most frequent excuse I receive when trying to contact a business executive.

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE COWARD,
Upper Stokecliff,
Swannaton Road,
Dartmouth, Devon.
September 2.

Out of print

From Mr John Paul Story

Sir, Am I the only one who laments the decline of cereal packets as reading matter? Time was when a bachelor could pass the full consumption period with the back of the pack as company. Is there any reason for the minimal amount of printing which now so often appears?

Yours, bored at the breakfast table,
JOHN PAUL STORY,
The Penthouse,
72a St John's Road,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
September 1.

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 5 1870

Marshal Marie Edmé de MacMahon (1908-1893) was descended from an Irish family which accompanied James II into exile. Less than three years after this crushing defeat by the Prussians he was elected President of the Republic

FRENCH SURRENDER AT SEDAN

MAC-MAHON has succumbed. His fight before Sedan was prompted by hope against hope. He was a soldier to the heart's core, and seemed bent to atone by his heroism as a soldier for his blunders as a General. He is said to have put himself at the head of his various columns one after another as they went forward to the onslaught, and to have only desisted when he sank to the ground borne down by severe wounds. The very soul of the army seemed to collapse with the downfall of its heroic commander. The sad duty of capitulation devolved upon General WIMPFFEN.

All telegraphic intelligence of the decisive engagement before Sedan is limited to an account of the astounding results. An army of at least 80,000 men has surrendered. Before the evening of Wednesday the war was virtually at an end, inasmuch as the French had been driven for shelter to the very bastions of Sedan, and the victorious Prussians, under the CROWN PRINCE OF SAXONY, had spread all round that stronghold on the south, east, and north; at the same time that the forces under the command of the CROWN PRINCE OF PRUSSIA pressed forward on the west and north-west, occupying all the passes of the Meuse between Sedan and Mezières, and cutting off Mézières itself from all communication with Rethel and Hirson. Shut up in Sedan as in a trap, MAC-MAHON's army determined to strike one more blow on the Thursday, – a blow no longer for safety, but for honour. It sallied forth nerved with the courage of despair, and, to all appearance, the enemy had to pay dearly for his victory. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon, as we learn from King WILLIAM's despatch, the French army had been almost entirely driven into Sedan. Towards evening the fighting, which had lasted ten hours, came to an end, and then it was that the exhausted troops realized the full extent of their defeat. Sedan offered neither a sufficient nor a safe refuge for so large a force. A retreat across the frontier into Belgium was no longer practicable except by dint of desperate fighting, and nothing but disarmament, dispersion, and humiliation awaited the fugitives on the other side the border. The soldiers were worn out by two weeks' marches and by three days' battles. They had probably suffered severe privations along the road; and they had nothing but starvation before them at their halting-place. It is dreadful to think of the only course open to them - a surrender - the surrender of any army of 80,000 men! The humiliation of Ulm to be endured by a force twice as large as that of General MACK; endured, too, by French soldiers, by the flower of an army which, properly led, was capable of all the prodigies of valour accomplished, by the troops of the First Empire! . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BALMORAL CASTLE
September 4: The Queen was represented by the Lord Beaverbrook (Lord in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for Sir Francis Rundall (formerly Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Tokyo) which was held in the Crypt Chapel of St Paul's Cathedral today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 4: The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron, was present this evening at The Royal Surgical Aid Society's Ball at Dorton School for the Blind, near Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, President of the Salisbury Cathedral Spire Trust, will lay the first stone of the renovation work to the spire of Salisbury Cathedral on September 17.

Princess Margaret will open Dalton Leisure Centre, Cumbria, on September 18.

Today's royal engagement

The Duchess of York, President of Action Research for the Crippled Child, accompanied by the Duke of York, will attend a ball, at which Mr and Mrs Robert Sangster will be hosts, at the Nunnery, Isle of Man, in aid of Action Research and Save the Children Fund at 8.00.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr R.S. Alexander, QC, former Chairman of the Bar, 51; Mr Justice Bush, 62; Lord Delfont, 78; Mr R.J. Dunn, managing director, *Thames Television*, 44; Professor Peter Fricker, composer and conductor, 67; Mr Russell Harty, broadcaster, 53; Mrs Elizabeth Hedley-Miller, civil servant, 64; Sir Francis Loyd, former Colonial officer, 71; Mr William Nursaw, investment consultant, 84; Canon Peter Pilkington, high master, St Paul's School, 54; Mr G.W. Tremlett, author, 48; Sir Denys Wilkinson, vice-chancellor, Sussex University, 65; Mr Frank Yerby, novelist, 71.

TOMORROW: The Right Rev John Bickersteth, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 66; Sir Derman Christopherson, former vice-chancellor, Durham University, 72; General Sir Peter Hellings, 71; Miss Monica Mason, ballerina, 46; Mr Justice Pain, 74; Sir James Stubblefield, geologist, 86; Miss J.A. Tredgold, former principal, Cheltenham Ladies' College, 84; Sir Anthony Wagner, former Garter King of Arms, 79; Mr J.R.C. Young, rugby player, 50; Sir William McEwan Younger, former chairman, Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, 82.

Reception

HM Government
Mr Peter Fraser, QC, Solicitor General for Scotland, was host at a reception held last night at 6 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, on the occasion of the Annual Congress of the Salvation Army in Scotland.

Elaine Kaye

A partnership unfulfilled

Seventy years ago this month the first woman was ordained to the Christian ministry in this country. Constance Coltman, then Constance Todd, was ordained to the Congregational ministry on September 17, 1917.

Constance Coltman was brought up in the Presbyterian Church of England. She was fortunate in having parents who considered the education of their daughters as important as that of their sons.

After spending three years at Somerville College, Oxford, and taking a degree in all but name, she persuaded the Principal and Council of Mansfield College, Oxford, that she had a genuine call to the ministry, and she took the full three-year ministerial course.

At the time of her ordination, she was already a member of the King's Weigh House Congregational Church in London, where she was experiencing the remarkably ministry of W.E. Orchard, whose preaching and frequent celebrations of the Eucharist drew on Catholic as well as Protestant sources.

The ordination was carried out according to the order of the Congregational tradition. She had been "called" – together with Claud Coltman, the man who became her husband the day after the ordination service – by the King's Weigh House church meeting to minister at its Darby Street mission in the East End.

When her ordination was raised at its autumn assembly, the Congregational Union resolved that a woman who fulfilled the conditions expected of male candidates for the ministry should be recognized on receiving a call.

Both Orchard and the new woman minister believed that male metaphors for God could be misleading. "It is to be feared that the exigencies of our language have betrayed some of us into imagining that God is of the masculine gender", wrote Orchard before he went to the Weigh House.

Constance Coltman, like Orchard, believed that a rediscovery of the motherhood as well as the fatherhood of God could bring not only a deeper understanding of the divine nature but also a new appreciation of women's contribution to the church.

She wrote: "Woman has value altogether independent of her sexual functions, which is derived not from her relationship to man, as wife or mother, but from her relation to God".

She believed that a woman's special contribution would include religious education; a sympathy and understanding of "ordinary working people", especially from ministers who were also mothers (as she herself was); and a deep desire for peace and the healing of divisons between human beings.

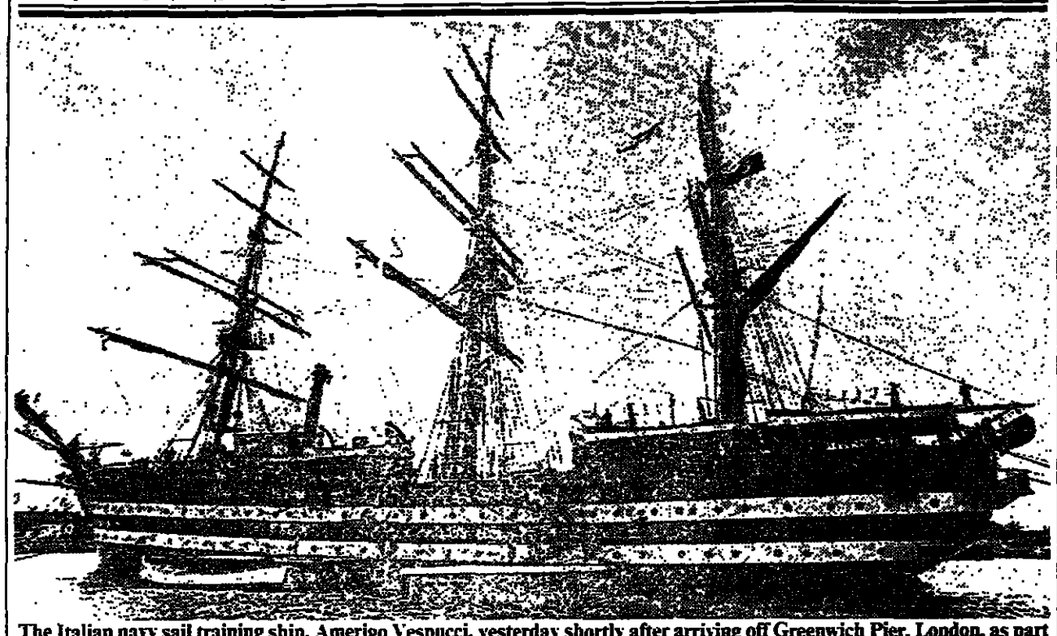
Thus a woman minister would stand as a symbol of the equality of all human beings before God, as a historical, not just an eschatological possibility.

Constance Coltman's ordination marked the beginning of a new era. At first only a small trickle of women followed her example. But more recently growing numbers of women have sought ordination, and there are now more than 200 ordained women ministers in the United Reformed Church, with smaller numbers in the Methodist and Baptist churches.

Yet it was, and remains, only a beginning, for other branches of the church in this country still refuse to ordain women to the full Christian ministry.

Who could say that the partnership of women and men in the church, in the ordained ministry as in other ways, has yet realized a fraction of its potential?

Miss Kaye is an elder of Summertown United Reformed Church, Oxford.



The Italian navy sail training ship, Amerigo Vespucci, yesterday shortly after arriving off Greenwich Pier, London, as part of a campaign for the protection of the seas from pollution. The ship, named after the Florentine navigator immortalized as America, is open to the public between 3pm and 6pm from tomorrow until Tuesday.

News from the schools

Ardingly College
Michaelmas Term at Ardingly College begins on Sunday, September 6. Paul D. Wafer (Lewington) is senior prefect. This year sees the centenary of the founding of the orchestra and a series of musical events will celebrate this throughout the year. The first will be on Sunday, December 6, when Antony Hopkins will conduct the orchestra, chapel choir and choral society in an evening of music-making. The chapel choir will sing evensong in Winchester Cathedral on October 23. The foundation stone of the upper sixth house will be laid on Friday, September 25. The drama club revue will run from November 18 to 21. There will be an Advent carol service by candlelight on December 1 and the carol service will take place on December 8 and 9. Term ends on Friday, December 11.

Cranleigh School
Michaelmas Term at Cranleigh School begins on Sunday, September 6. Emmanuel Power is senior prefect and Edward Culley deputy senior prefect. Judge Michael Kennedy, QC, is the guest of honour at the Cranleigh dinner on October 10. The school play, *One flew over the Cuckoo's Nest*, is on November 11 to 13 and the Christmas concert on December 6. Long Leave is from October 24 to November 1 and term ends on December 11.

Moreton Hall, Shropshire
Autumn Term at Moreton Hall begins today with 334 girls on roll, of whom 106 are in the sixth form. Patricia Gregson has taken up the post of vice-principal and Dr Michael Ingle that of director of studies. Sharon Russell is head prefect with Rachael French-Greenslade and Sarah Williams as second prefects. Sarah Williams is captain of lacrosse. Mr Paul Black and the Rev David Watts will be joining the governing council. Half-term will be from Saturday, October 24, until Sunday, November 1. A carol service will be held in Oswestry Parish Church at 3 pm on Friday, December 11 and term will end on Saturday, December 12.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.O. Bender and Miss S.M.G.M. van Hellenberg Hubar
The engagement is announced between Jeroen, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.O. Bender, of Voorschoten, Holland, and Saskia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Como van Hellenberg Hubar, of Doorn, Holland.

Mr C. Blauth-Muszkowski and Dr E.J. Haxby
The engagement is announced between Christopher Iwo Anthony, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Christopher Blauth-Muszkowski, of Ealing, London, and Elizabeth Jane, younger daughter of Mr Donald L. Haxby, of Upton, Newark, Nottinghamshire, and Mrs Barbara M. Haxby, of Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire.

Mr J.P.L. Cox and Miss S.A. Rothera
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Dr and Mrs A.F.J. Cox, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Sally, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D.O. Rothera, of Worthing, West Sussex.

Mr C.J.J. Drinkall and Miss A.M. Irving
The engagement is announced between Julian, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.K. Drinkall, of Tiverton, Devon, and Alison, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs R. Irving, of Edinburgh.

Mr M.N.D. Elliott and Miss C.M.M. Romer
The engagement is announced between Mark Nicholas David, second son of the late Mr Harry Elliott and Mrs Sheila Elliott, of East Sheen, London, and Catherine Marie Michel, second daughter of Major and Mrs E.M. Romer, of Ealing, London.

Mr T.J.L. Harrison and Miss J.V. Koutzoukis
The engagement is announced between Tim, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Harrison, of Swanage, Dorset, and Jane, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Koutzoukis, of Khartoum, Sudan.

Mr M.G. Lindley and Miss M.H. Lanzer
The engagement is announced between Martin Graham, younger son of Mr George Lindley and the late Mrs Lilian Lindley, of Nunhead, London, SE15, and Madeleine Helen, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Christian Lanzer, of The Firs, Goudhurst, Kent.

Mr I. McCulloch and Miss S. Pengelly
The engagement is announced between Iain, elder son of Mr and Mrs James Wells McCulloch, of Beverley, Yorkshire, and Samantha, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. McCarthy, of Braintree, Essex.

Mr J.A. McGhee and Miss T. Kyriakides
The engagement is announced between John Alexander, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.O. McGhee, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Tina, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M.C. Kyriakides, of Epsom, Surrey.

Mr S.R. Steeden and Miss J.A. Hooper
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs V.A.N. Steeden, of Cobham, Surrey, and Jeanette, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Hooper, of Weybridge, Surrey.

Captain M.R. Winsloe and Miss K.C. Alderdice
The engagement is announced between Mark Winsloe, The Royal Green Jackets, son of Mr and Mrs David Winsloe, of Crondall, Hampshire, and Carol, daughter of Dr and Mrs G.L.N. Alderdice, of Zimbabwe.

Mr J.T. Milner and Miss V.A.M. Osterberg
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, eldest son of Mrs Mary Milner and the late Eric Milner, of Hembury Cotlands, Sidmouth, Devon, and Vanessa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Osterberg, of The Old Manse, Hillsborough, Co Down, Northern Ireland.

Mr H.J. Worsley and Miss F.J. DeBoer
The engagement is announced between Henry, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Worsley, of Stockington Farms, Uxbridge, Canada, and Janet, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B. DeBoer, of Uxbridge, Canada.

Mr B.A. Wright and Miss P.V.M. Price
The engagement is announced between Barrie Andrew, third son of the late H.J. Wright and of Mrs L.M. Wright, of Bournemouth, and Pauline (Paula), only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs W.A. Price, of London and Kent.

Marriages

Mr J.P. Allen and Miss L.C. Forbes
The marriage took place on September 4, at the Church of the Holy Cross, Crediton, between Mr James Percival Allen, of Ranskill, Nottinghamshire, and Miss Louisa Charlotte Forbes, of Crediton, Devon.

The bride was attended by Rosalind Forbes, Amy Perry and Clare Cowper, cousins of the bride, and Alice and Emily Farquhar, cousins of the bridegroom. Mr Toby Sculthorp was best man.

The honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr M.J.M. Brook and Miss A.M.K. Michaels
The marriage took place at St Michael and All Angels' Church, Marwood, North Devon, on August 19, 1987, between Mr Michael John Middleton Brook, of Marwood, and Miss Anne Marie Kristen Michaels, of San Francisco, California.

Mr C.P. Rishworth and Mrs J. Moriarty
The marriage took place quietly on September 4, at St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, Bradford-on-Avon, between Mr Charles Paslew Rishworth, and Mrs Joan Moriarty. They will be known as Mr and Mrs Moriarty-Rishworth.

Anniversaries

TODAY

BIRTHS: Johann Christian Bach, Leipzig, 1735; Caspar Friedrich, painter, Greisfswald, 1774; Giacomo Meyerbeer, composer, Tasdorf, Germany, 1791; Victorien Sardou, dramatist, Paris, 1831.

DEATHS: William McGillivray, naturalist, Aberdeen, 1852; Charles Péguy, poet and philosopher, Valleroy, France, 1914.

TOMORROW

BIRTHS: Marie Joseph, Marquis de Lafayette, French revolutionary who fought against the British in the American War of Independence, Auvergne, 1757; John Dalton, chemist, Eaglesfield, Cumbria, 1766; Sir Walford Davies, organist and composer, Oswestry, 1869; Sir Edward Appleton, physicist, Nobel laureate 1947, Bradford, 1892.

DEATHS: Hendrik Verwoerd, prime minister of South Africa 1958-66, assassinated, Cape Town, 1966.

EMERGENCY
FLOODS IN BANGLADESH

- ONE THIRD OF LAND IN BANGLADESH UNDER WATER
- 20 MILLION PEOPLE AFFECTED, ESTIMATED 1,000 ADULTS AND 2,000 CHILDREN DEAD.
- 1.7 MILLION HOUSES DAMAGED, 11 THOUSAND MILES OF ROAD AND 1.5 MILLION TONNES OF FOOD CROPS TOTALLY DESTROYED.
- THREAT OF DYSENTRY EPIDEMICS.
- SITUATION DETERIORATING SERIOUSLY.
- £50,000 URGENTLY REQUESTED FOR EMERGENCY SUPPLIES OF FOOD AND HOUSING MATERIALS

Bangladesh is suffering the worst floods in its history. Your donation – however large or small – *can help save lives. The need is urgent. Please help.*

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OBITUARY

MR MAXWELL FRY

Bringing modern architecture to Britain

Mr Maxwell Fry, CBE, RA, FRIBA, who died on September 3, at the age of 88, was one of the pioneers of modern architecture in this country.

He will be remembered as one of the small group of architects (which also included Wells Coates, F.R.S. Yorke and Berthold Lubetkin) who, throughout the 1930s, endeavoured by precept and practice to introduce into Britain the new concepts of architecture that had recently emerged in Europe.

Thus he ended Britain's isolation from the international stream of architectural thought and helped to shift the emphasis from architecture as style to architecture as a matter of social responsibility.

Fry will be remembered also as Gropius's partner during the latter's two-year stay in England between his flight from Nazi Germany and his emigration to America, and as one of the team of architects that worked with Le Corbusier on the design and initial construction of the Indian city of Chandigarh, the new capital of the Punjab.

Edwin Maxwell Fry was born at Wallasey on August 2, 1899, and educated at the Liverpool Institute and the Liverpool University School of Architecture, from which he graduated in 1923. It was a time when there was a ferment of architectural ideas but little possibility of getting them built.

He was just old enough to serve for a short spell in the Army before the end of the First World War.

After working in the London office of Adams and Thompson (where he had experience of the town-planning opportunities and responsibilities of his profession, in which he maintained an interest all his life), Fry set up in practice on his own and was responsible for a number of buildings which, though modest in size, had a strong influence of his own generation of architects not only because of their uncompromising modernity but because they exemplified the elegance and imagination of which the new architecture was at its best capable.

These buildings included private houses and small blocks of flats and a working-class housing scheme at Kensal Green, London, which set new standards for its time and which Fry designed as the leader of a group of architects co-operating with Elizabeth Denby, the housing expert and reformer.

During these years, places in Fry's office were much sought after by the eager young men of the profession. Many who later distinguished themselves passed through it and have never forgotten Fry's early influence on them.

He continued actively to promote new architectural ideas, especially as a member of the MARS (modern architectural research) Group, the spearhead of architectural change in England and the English branch of the influential *Congrès Internationaux d'Architecture Moderne*, at whose meetings in various parts of Europe Fry was a familiar figure.

His partnership with Gropius increased his reputation as one of the significant English architects. Together they were responsible for several buildings, for Impington Village College, near Cambridge (the brainchild of the late Henry Morris, pioneer educator), and a number of unrealized projects.

He was also chief architectural designer to the Southern Railway and was consulting architect to several concerns, including London Zoo.

In the Second World War Fry served in the Royal Engineers and, after serving a staff captain at the War Office, was given the rank of major and posted to West Africa, from which circumstance arose a connection with that territory which lasted for some years.

In 1944, he became town-planning adviser to the Resident Minister for the West African Colonies, and after the war he opened an office in Ghana (then the Gold Coast) and carried out a quantity of work there and in Nigeria, mostly for educational purposes, and in temporary partnership with other British architects. His most notable work in West Africa is the University of Ibadan.

It was in 1951 that he was invited to join the team of architects that Le Corbusier was taking to India to work at Chandigarh. Fry and his second wife, Jane Drew, herself an architect of note, lived there for three years, playing an active part in planning the new city, organizing its construction and themselves designing standard-type housing and other buildings. Lahore, capital of the old, undivided Punjab, went to Pakistan in 1947.

Fry and his wife had previously set up a new office in London with a number of younger partners, and this eventually grew to a considerable size.

But in these new circumstances his personal talent somehow became submerged, and the work of the firm that bore his name, though of acceptable quality, was not easy to distinguish from the competent modern work done by many other firms. Fry's originality, and his sparkle as a designer, were far less evident than in his pre-war buildings.

He served on the council of the Royal Institute of British Architects, of which he was vice-president in 1961-2. He was awarded the institute's Royal Gold Medal in 1964. He served also on the Royal Fine Arts Commission and on the council of the Royal Society of Arts.

He was elected a corresponding member of the Academie Flamande in 1956, and an honorary Fellow of the American Institute of Architects in 1963. He was an honorary LLD of Ibadan University. Late in his life he became the Royal Academy's professor of architecture.

Fry was a slightly-built man, precise in manner and speech. He had a friendly, unassuming nature and a youthful outlook which he maintained to the very end of his life.

Throughout his career he took a lively interest in all the arts and was an enthusiastic supporter of many good causes connected with them. His house and offices overflowed with paintings and sculpture, many of them pieces that he bought to help young artists.

Though not a very coherent public speaker, his dedication to the cause of good architecture came out in private talk and in his occasional writings. He was the author of a book called *Fine Building*, published in 1944, and, with his wife, of useful text-books on tropical architecture, a subject on which his experience of building in Africa and Asia made him something of an expert.

He was twice married: first, in 1927, to Ethel Speakman by whom he had a daughter, and in 1942, after a divorce, to Jane Drew, with whom he entered professional partnership.

VIKTOR NEKRASOV

Viktor Nekrasov, the Russian writer who won official approval for his novel about the Battle of Stalingrad, but who later became disenchanted with the Soviet régime, died in exile, in Paris, on September 3. He was 76.

Front-Line Stalingrad, which was published in the Soviet Union in 1946, was an unvarnished soldier's account of daily life during that desperate struggle, and won Nekrasov a Stalin Prize in the following year.

Ironically, it was not until the advent of the more liberal Khrushchev that Nekrasov fell foul of officialdom. Krushchev resented the even-handed tone of Nekrasov's travel book, *Both Sides of the Ocean*, and from then on the writer was seldom out of trouble for his objective stance on political and cultural matters.

Viktor Platonovich Nekrasov was born in Kiev on June 17, 1911. But from an early age French culture played an important part in his life. His mother was a medical graduate of Lausanne University, and, as a boy, Nekrasov lived in Switzerland and then in Paris, where she met his father.

After the First World War, he returned with his mother to Kiev (his father had died in 1917). After leaving school, he studied railway engineering, but abandoned this for architecture. His dream, as he said at that time, was "to become the Soviet Le Corbusier", and he went to the Construction Institute in Kiev.

Yet another whim led him to leave the institute. The theatre now captivated him, and his hero was, for a time, Stanislavsky. He stuck at this for a while, and toured for four years throughout the length



and breadth of the Soviet Union as an actor, assistant director and stage designer.

The war ended this phase of his career. He was drafted into the army, in the engineers, and saw continuous active service until he was severely wounded in Poland in 1944, and invalided out.

He fought throughout the five grim months of the Stalingrad siege, and this experience provided him with the material for his novel *Vokopakh Stalingrada* (1946). If this does not rank as one of the great Russian novels of war, it is nevertheless remarkable for its lack of that jingoism which, perhaps understandably, pervaded Soviet literature in the immediate aftermath of the "Great Patriotic War".

Its preoccupations were those of the fighting soldier, particularly the sapper. The efficient digging of trenches and wiring of circuits were more pertinent to its characters than feeling patriotic or heroic.

Indeed, this dispassionate treatment at first raised official eyebrows, but the author was excused on the grounds that his novel treated of the conflict from the standpoint of the simple soldier, who could know "nothing of the strategy of the war as a whole". In any event, the merits of the book made its claims on a Stalin Prize irresistable.

Nekrasov's second novel was published in 1954. *Vrodnom gorode* (Back Home, 1954) dealt with the disillusionment felt by a disabled war veteran on his return to Kiev, but its opinions passed unremarked among the Soviet censors.

It was not until 1962 that Nekrasov's independent stance drew the wrath of authority. He had been on tours of Europe and America in 1957, 1960 and 1962, and his book *Both Sides of the Ocean* described his impressions, and made comparisons with his native country, with a candour which was not at all welcome.

Khrushchev denounced the book, and its author was attacked, and expelled from the Communist Party and from the Union of Writers.

Far from making Nekrasov amenable, this only quickened his awareness of the shortcomings of his country. In the post-Khrushchev era he publicly ranged himself with major dissidents such as Sakharov, spoke out against the Soviet occupation of Czechslovakia in 1968, and generally made himself obnoxious to authority for his refusal to knuckle under.

Eventually, in 1974, he was allowed to leave the Soviet Union, and was subsequently stripped of his citizenship. Since then he had lived in Paris where he was at the centre of a circle of Soviet dissidents.

His wife and son were allowed to join him in 1976.

MORTON FELDMAN

Morton Feldman, American composer, who was a leading exponent of avant-garde music in that country, died on September 3. He was 61.

He was born in New York City on January 12, 1926, and studied composition with Riegger and Wolpe; but it was his meeting with Cage in 1950 that had most effect in shaping his attitudes to composition.

For the next few years he was closely associated with Cage, Brown, Wolff and Tudor, and with New York's abstract expressionist painters, whose work influenced him more than any musician.

Among his innovations were the concept of indeterminacy, in which only approximations of a pitch and instrumentation are indicated, and graphic notation, which occasionally replaced the conventional system of notes on a musical staff as an indication of musical progress.

Far from making the task of the player easy, his requirements proved extremely demanding.

Feldman's works were characterized by extremely low dynamic levels and slow evolution of form in which silence often assumed equal importance with musical sounds. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that he turned to the Beckett text, *Neither*, around which he composed an opera.

MR ALAN REID

Mr Alan Reid, former lobby correspondent of the Sydney *Daily Telegraph* and *The Bulletin*, has died at the age of 72.

Like most lobby correspondents, he displayed a sort of fascinated cynicism concerning the intrigues which he described.

He was, nevertheless, held in high regard both for his persistence and his accuracy; and on his retirement two years ago, he was showered with tributes and widely feted, not least by politicians.

His book *The Power Struggle* (1970) is a study of the rise of Mr (now, Sir) John Gorton, Prime Minister of Australia from 1968 to 1971.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation: and a house divided against a house cannot stand.
St. Luke 11 :17

BIRTHS

BLACKLEY On September 3rd, to Joanne and Simon, a son.

BOARDMAN - On August 28th, to Fiona (née Walker) and Tom, a son, Thomas.

BULLEN - On September 2nd, to Sue and Michael, a daughter, Charlotte.

BULLOCK On August 29th to Juliet (née Gordon) and Gareth, a son, Marcus James Gordon, a brother for Joshua.

COWEN - On August 29th 1987, to Elizabeth (née Hindmarsh) and John, a daughter.

CUMMER - On September 3rd, to Janey and Will, a daughter, Sophie Elizabeth.

DRURY - On August 29th to Frances (née McConnell) and Nigel, a daughter, Sophie, a sister for Flora.

EATON - On August 24th, to Annie (née Winterbotham) and Hugh, a son, Edward John.

FENTON - On September 2nd at Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, to Veronica and John, a son, Andrew Paul Christopher.

FRASER - On September 3rd 1987, at Alliku Maternity Hospital, Tokyo, to Bridget (Harris) and Simon, a son.

HARPER - On August 23rd 1987, at Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney, Australia to Elisabetta (née Carroll) and Adam, a son, James Alexander.

JAMESON - On August 28th, to Clare (née Agius and Rodney, a son, Dominic Peter Oliver Charles, a brother for Giles.

LOGAN - On August 31st, to Louise and Saxon, a second daughter, Clementine Olivia.

PORTER - On August 28th 1987 to Alistair and Lolla, a daughter, Francesca Lauren.

SMITH - On September 1st, 1987, at Queen Marys, Roehampton to Janie and Nick, a son, Frederick (Freddie). Henry Steveos.

STIFF On September 3rd at the Wellington Hospital, to Victoria (née Wheatland) and David, a daughter, a sister for James.

TOTTLE - On August 11th at King Edward's Hospital, Perth, Western Australia, to Melanie (née Price) and Paul, a son, Simon Thomas.

WESTWOOD - On September 3rd at Yeovil Hospital, to Bridget (née Vernell) and Martin, a daughter, Jemima Helen.

WILLIAMS - On September 1st to Emma (née Richey) and Charles, a son, (Richard) John.

WOOLL - On September 2nd, to Patricia, (née Carson), and Nigel, a son, Charles, a brother for Daisy.

MARRIAGES

SOUTHWELL-WILSON - On August 29th at Remenham, Henley-on-Thames, Alan only son of Doctor and Mrs A R Wilson, Woodcote, Reading to Alexandra, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Southwell, Aston Farm, Henley-on-Thames.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

MCKAY-FRASER - On September 6th 1927, at St. Aldates, Oxford, Roy McKay to Mary Fraser. Now at 12 Torrington Gardens, Stamford, Lincs.

DEATHS

BAILEY - On September 1st 1987, suddenly at her home, Norman Hall Icklelon, Cambs., Phyllis Evelyn, loving mother of Jennifer and widow of the late Erick Bailey. Funeral service at Icklelon Parish Church on Wednesday, 9th September 1987 at 2.00pm followed by interment in the Parish Cemetry. Flowers and enquiries to R. Skeates Funeral Directors, 45 Moorfield Road, Duxford, Cambs. Tel: Cambridge 833465.

BEADEL - On September 3rd, peacefully at her home in Compton, Paignton, Devon, dearest Prudence, beloved wife of Dr A.F. Beadel and mother of Anthony, David and Michael. Funeral service at St Paul's Church, Preston, Paignton, Devon on Thursday 10th September at 10.45am, followed by private cremation. Flowers and enquiries to Maunders Funeral Service, 27 Well Street, Paignton (0803) 556581.

BICHARD - On Sunday, August 30th unexpectedly at Bangor Hospital, Diana Marjorie, devoted wife of Maurice and mother of Rosemary, Thomas, Katharine and James. For details of funeral arrangements please ring H. J. Knapp and Sons, Wantage 3060. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Oxford County Association of Pre-school Playgroups, 1 Cross Street, Oxford.

GILLIHAN - On September 3rd, at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Eugene, Oregon, USA. Peacefully, in his 79th year. Francis Harrison, beloved husband of Lillian.

GARNON - On August 27th 1987, in Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, after a short illness Joseph Abel, loved husband of Kathleen, father of Tom, Derek and Faith and grandfather to Daniel, Charlotte, Emily, Matthew, John and Roy. Funeral service in St. Peter's Church, Goodwick, on Tuesday, September 8th at 11 am, followed by burial at Llanwnda, Pembrokeshire.

HEWITSON - On Thursday August 27th 1987, peacefully at Nobles Hospital, Isle of Man, Marjorie Caroline, aged 80 years, and late of Peel, Isle of Man and formerly of Heaton Moor, Stockport, Cheshire. Beloved mother of Josephine, loved mother-in-law of Brian, dear gran of Eve, Colby, Freya and Heather, and fond sister of Francis and Sidney. Funeral Service took place at Peel Methodist Chapel, on Friday September 4th 1987, followed by interment at Peel Cemetery. Peace with the Lord.

LOVELL On September 2nd at Oxted, Surrey, Stanley Shaw Lovell very dearly loved husband of Marjorie and most dear father of Diana and Oliver, and grandpa of Catherine and Sophie Private cremation. Family flowers only please.

LUKE - Phyllis (née Sharpington). See announcements.

ROBERTS - On September 2nd, at his home in Chelsea, Michael Groves Roberts, aged 61 years. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium Monday, 7th September at 3.00pm. Flowers to R. V. Mallett, 124 Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford.

ROBERTS - On September 3rd, suddenly but peacefully Victor F. Roberts, dearest husband of Brenda, and much loved father of Carolyn, Honor and Julian. Funeral Service at St. Peter's Church, Cheshire on Tuesday September 8th at 2pm, followed by Cremation at Chester Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to Cross Fire, P.O. Box 15, Liverpool L27 7XZ, enquiries Tel. 051 339 2129.

SANT DAVID - On September 2nd, peacefully in her sleep, Linda. Enquiries to Ashton Funeral Services, 140 Alexandra Road, SW19. Tel. 01 946 1051.

SIMPSON - On August 28th 1987, suddenly, in Gloucester Royal Hospital, Elisabeth Mary, lately of Old Wimpole, Royston, Herts. Service at Cheltenham Crematorium, 3.30pm, Friday September 11th. Flowers to L. E. Perry, Tetbury, Glos.

STAINFORTH - On September 2nd, Graham Henry, much loved father of Nicholas, Diana and Hazel. Funeral at St. John's Chapel, Oxford Crematorium, Headington, Oxford on Wednesday September 9th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to Wallingford Community Hospital or Friends of St. Leonard's Church, Wallingford.

STANGER - On September 3rd 1987, peacefully at Summerlands Hospital, Yeovil, Charles Harry C.B.E., much loved husband of Betty and father of David and Graham of Knole, Long Sutton, Somerset. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton on Wednesday 9th September 1987, at 2.30 pm. Cremation at Yeovil Crematorium at 3.30 pm. flowers or donations for Long Sutton Church School, c/o W.A. Forsey & Son Ltd., Pound Pool, Somerton.

STEVENSON - On September 2nd at All Saints Hospital, Medway, Peter Verran. Funeral at Medway Crematorium on Wednesday 9th September at 2pm. Sadly missed by his wife and all who knew him.

TRACEY - On September 3rd, suddenly but peacefully at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, Ursula (née Campbell) of Wellington, Somerset, in her 78th year. Cremation private.

WARE - On Tuesday, September 1st 1987, peacefully at Farnborough Hospital, Kent, Charles James, aged 85, father of Sheila and Jane, grandfather and great grandfather.

YOUNG - On September 2nd, Robert Eric Young B.Sc. (Econ), C.Eng., F.I.E.E., M.R.Ae.S., beloved husband of Muriel and father of Robert, Reg and Roger. Funeral at St Margaret's Church, Whitnash, on Tuesday September 8th at 3.30pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MACDONALD - A Memorial Service for I. P. Macdonald, Headmaster of Lord Weymouth School 1940 - 58, will be held in the Minster, Warminster, at 11a.m. on Saturday 19th September.

ROWLAND - The Memorial Stone in loving memory of Judge Deborah Rowland will be consecrated at Bushey Jewish Cemetery on Thursday September 17th at 3.00pm.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

CURRY - George. On his birthday unforgettable and irreplaceable. Joan.

HILL - Ed, September 1986. So deeply loved and treasured, so greatly missed. Eternally, Joane.

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DALLAS Reviens ma bien aimee.

LUKE On September 1st 1987 in New Hampshire USA, Phyllis (née Sharpington), peacefully after a long illness. Born in London in 1905; trained at Parmoor House; taught for few years in London primary schools with experience in both Froebel and Montessori methods; after an exchange year in S. Africa, joined the Colonial Education Service of Malaya in 1939; married Kenneth Dudley Luke. After Japanese invasion (1942) left Malaya and served in Tanganyika until 1946 returning to Malaya with her husband who became Headmaster of Malay College and later Chief Education Officer of Selangor. After Malayan Independence lived mainly in USA but travelled widely with her husband for UNDP including 2 years each in Jerusalem and Vientiane. She leaves a widower, one daughter and two grandchildren - enquiries 27 Cedar Road, North Hampton, NH 03862, USA.

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The saving of a young master: Lord Dunluce, conservation expert at the Tate Gallery, works on a 1951 Jackson Pollock. On the left is a 19th-century work by George Jones; on the right, a restored Gainsborough (photographs: Nick Rogers)

Masterpieces that fall to pieces

When your Kiefer moults straw all over the carpet, or bits of crockery fall off the Schnabel, do you lament the loss of craftsmanship or revel in their contemporary fragility?

Sarah Jane Checkland on restoring today's art for posterity

This is the time of year when the shopkeepers of Mayfair's Cork Street polish their plate glass windows in genteel anticipation of the coming season. As the country's most exclusive purveyors of contemporary art, they have good reason to be rubbing their hands: their goods have been commanding escalating prices.

At the first event in the new season — Art '87 in Islington — dealers will be stressing the dual charm of buying contemporary art: inspiration and investment. The picture on your wall today, they argue, may be the money-spinner of tomorrow.

Or will it? Whether or not a work survives the inevitable minefield of style and taste ahead, it may not survive the passing of time itself. Past masters spent many years learning their trade, from grinding the pigments to priming the canvas; but the works of today's artists are often so badly crafted that they may not last the decade, never mind the century.

Consider, for instance, the work of Anselm Kiefer, which can fetch $300,000 (£185,000). His paintings of dark, threatening fields largely consist of bundles of straw pressed with fervour into the surface. Not surprisingly, as straw is meant for cattle fodder and birds' nests rather than art, his paintings have a distinct tendency to moult. Meanwhile, the cups and saucers pressed into his paintings by the millionaire American, Julian Schnabel, respond to gravity in a more abrupt way, while the surface of the works — as complex as a ploughed field, and almost as big — act as a magnet to dust.

British offenders include many art school graduates, taught by a generation of conceptual artists for whom the idea is all; who cares about the craftsmanship? Favourite effects include mixing oil paint with wax or slapping paint on top of photographic paper. Richard Deacon is world-renowned for his elegant bent-wood abstract sculpture. With internal stress very much a theme, the work appears to have an inbuilt booby trap. If it were to unfurl — and the Tate admits some works are already cracking — it would be against the artist's principles to remake it.

Another artist, Tony Cragg, who is known for his colourful work from contemporary urban detritus, recently produced a series of geometric shapes scribbled on with crayon, which tend to fall over and get smudged. Anish Kapoor anoints his geometric shapes with neat, powdered pigment which, as one collector says, "comes off on your fingers and clothes, not to mention on the other works in your collection".

The London restorer John Bull has strong opinions on the subject. He is a specialist in contemporary art, and repaired the vandalized portrait of the Princess of Wales at the National Portrait Gallery. "There's so much stuff that's badly painted," he says. "Private collectors are taking enormous risks when they buy."

On one occasion Bull found himself scouring china shops for materials to replace the crockery which had fallen from a Schnabel painting while in transit. "I measured the circumference of each piece, and then had a plate-smashing session in the studio." He is now so disillusioned that he has gone back to restoring work by earlier artists who used traditional techniques.

But there is no one to take his place. Although restoration of contemporary art is a growing business in New York, there are hardly any practitioners here, apart from Lord Dunluce and his team at the Tate. The country's three specialist teaching centres — the Hamilton-Kerr, the Courtauld Institute and Gateshead College — concentrate on old masters: altogether sturdier prospects.

Bull says it is no use going back to the artists. "If they're creative, they move on and don't want to churn out the same things. Artists make lousy restorers." Some highly successful artists, such as Schnabel, have staff on hand to mend the breakages, but they are the exception.

Experimentation in art has a long and generally respectable history, starting with Leonardo da Vinci, who used an impermanent oil technique for "The Last Supper" in Milan; the result is tragic deterioration, leaving the masterpiece a much restored ruin today. Sir Joshua Reynolds forbade his students to stray from the rules, but could not himself resist artistic alchemy, mixing wax resin and bitumen to obtain an instant old-master look. Soon clients were complaining that the portraits were ageing faster than their living subjects. Today, we are left with travesties of Reynolds's original intentions.

During this century experimentation has been both pragmatic — Picasso and the Cubists could not afford proper materials, scribbling instead on tablecloths in their cafés — and ideological — intent on sending up the Establishment, the Dadaists were interested in neither prices nor permanence.

But those were the days of pre-hype, before the art world started competing with the rock music business. Now we have a dangerous situation in which the tradition of experimentation coincides with the expectation of big money. Artists like Joseph Beuys (the most bankable artist in the world before he died last year) consciously produce work with a self-destructive element. His famous "Fat Chairs" consist of slabs of animal fat on the seats of chairs, and are now said to smell evil and rancid.

Nowadays, when an artist makes his name, dealers tend to quarry his output retrospectively, pouncing on any old cast-off from the past. "People start off when they're young and don't care about anything," John Bull says. "Their materials are cheap. They get into the way of using anything to hand. But when they become rich and famous, anything they've done takes on enormous value."

There are also huge problems facing the market in abstract painting of the Fifties and Sixties. Take the New York School — artists like Mark Rothko and Morris Louis, whose colours have faded so much that the pictures in coffee table books are becoming more accurate colour references than the actual works.

The catalogue for the recent Mark Rothko exhibition at the Tate Gallery even explained the extent to which his works are beginning to crack up. He was not interested in durability, but experimentation.

Moreover, because the works consist of large, single blocks of colour, one accidental bump can spoil them for ever. John Bull explains: "Whereas small damages like that can be absorbed into an old master painting, with these you have to recreate the whole."

To enter the realm of re-creation in this way is to risk crossing the ethical line between restoration and straight faking. When the original has changed colour irreparably, the colour-fast fake threatens to become more authentic.

Some experts get over the problem by revelling in the evolutionary, almost biological nature of this art. "You should take them as they are," contemporary dealer Nigel Greenwood says. "If the straw falls off a Kiefer, then you're minus a bit of straw. I think artists can get constipated if they're just designing for posterity." Kiefer himself is reputed to have said: "If your work is important in 20 years' time, they'll somehow find a way of restoring it."

Another major dealer, Nicholas Logsdail, renowned for putting British contemporary sculpture on the international map, says he prefers to keep his eye on the future: "If an artist makes a piece of work I don't think will survive, I say gently, 'I'm happy to show it, but I won't deal with it', and I send it back to the artist." He explains how the first examples of Anish Kapoor's work cracked up. "He took them back and remade them at no cost to anyone. Now they are structurally very sound."

Now people are arguing that it is high time art schools included old-fashioned craft skills in their curricula, so that students can adopt materials in the full knowledge of their effects. They should be taught frame-making and how to prepare the canvas, and given some chemical tuition in which combinations of materials are durable and which are not. Likewise, our restoration colleges should encourage students to consider the challenges that contemporary culture has thrown up.

Among the reasons for the critical acclaim of the newly emergent Scottish school of painters is its members' adherence to traditional methods. Whereas English art schools wiped life classes from the curriculum in the Sixties, these continued without a break in Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Nicholas Logsdail suggests that potential collectors should insist on protection in the form of some guarantee from the vendor. "It would be reasonable to ask for a statement that, in the opinion of the gallery, the work is well fabricated, and should any significant deterioration occur during a short period of time, the gallery agrees to be responsible," he says. "If the gallery refuses, the buyer can get suspicious and not buy the thing."

Surprisingly the work of Frank Auerbach — oil paintings which, when seen in cross section, look like mountains of paint — is stable. But as the materials are pure, and the work is usually protected by a glass box, it is assured a long future. So is the work of Francis Bacon, whose somewhat wilful method of painting on the reverse side of the canvas is actually very permanent.

A major effect of this fragile era of art is the dramatic divergence of private and public collecting policies. The more daredevil private collections — most famously that of Charles and Doris Saatchi, which includes both Kiefers and Schnabels — are amassed according to personal taste. Public collections are much more cautious: the Tate Gallery vets each purchase for durability, and most are either reinforced or treated on arrival. In recent years, the Tate has refused to buy a Tony Cragg because it was made from solid wood. A John Walker painting was rejected because the artist had marked the surface with chalk.

Unless artists undergo a major change in attitude, there will soon be little left to show for this exciting era. Instead, the more conservative, institutional collections will be the only surviving witnesses to the age.

● *Art '87, aimed at the commercial and industrial community but open to the public, is at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London N1 (01-900 1234 or 01-439 4090), September 10, 11 and 12. For information on available contemporary art restorers ring the Museums and Galleries Commission, 7 St James's Square, London SW1 (01-839 9341).*



Healing hands: Roy Perry of the Tate works on a 1957 driftwood sculpture, "No 35", by Margaret Mews

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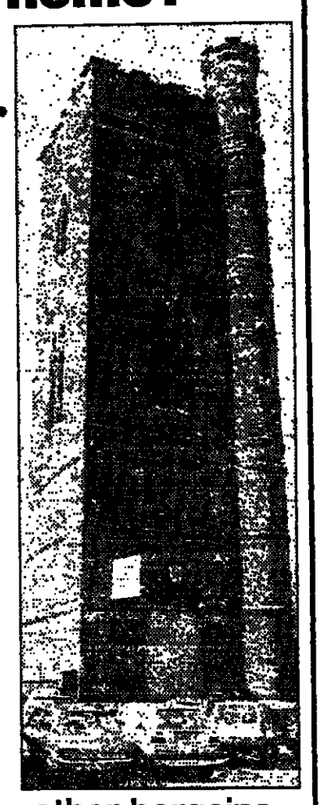
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Hindsight in the form of a sonorously titled report from the Economist Intelligence Unit claims that prices had as much to do with last year's drop in American visitors to Europe as fears of terrorism.

Choosing Holiday Destinations — The Impact of Exchange Rates and Inflation says that about half of all recent changes in travel patterns can clearly be attributed to price effects such as fluctuations in exchange rates, national rates of inflation and air travel costs.

On economic grounds, US travel to Europe could have been expected to drop around 15 to 20 per cent in 1986, says the report.

Highland fling

Mid-week rates cut the cost of domestic skiing this winter. Scottish skiing's own 52-page brochure produced by the Highlands and Islands Development Board quotes prices inclusive of equipment hire and lift passes. There are transport options from every corner of the country. Hi-Line: 0349-63434.

● Lone travellers who shun singles clubs and single room supplements alike may approve Magic of Italy's latest effort on their behalf. Single rooms are available at no extra charge for mid-winter breaks in Venice, Florence and Rome. Prices from £187 for three nights' bed and breakfast at the Hotel Marini Strand in Rome, inclusive of flights and transfers. A seven-night holiday costs from £255. Details: 01-743 9555.

Free ski lessons

Blandishments currently offered by travel firms include four free lessons on a ski trainer for everyone booking a continental ski holiday at Thomas Cook. The lessons are worth £20 and the trainer is a skiing treadmill machine. Forty of these thigh-building task masters are being installed in sports equipment shops throughout the country.

Anyone booking a Great New Zealand Deal holiday through Pickfords travel shops is being given a Black & Decker Stowaway travel iron and hair dryer set.

● A winter weekend excursion rate of £99 for a car and four passengers travelling to Ireland is available on different terms from two ferry operators: B&I Line (01-734 4681) and Sealink (01-834 8122).

Ready, steady, go

The new Let's Go guide to short breaks in England during autumn, winter and spring is out now and it is free from Tourist Information Centres, or by post from English Tourist Board, Let's Go, 2 Cater Road, Bishopsworth, Bristol BS13 7TH. (0272) 217917.

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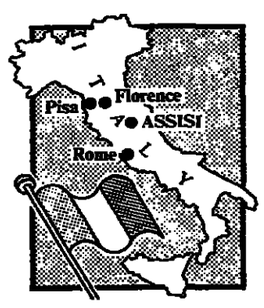
I shall pack a copy of the new *Blue Guide to Corsica*, (Adam and Charles Black, £8.95) for my return to that vivacious island. I shall enjoy its architecture, its sites and sights all the better for Roland Gant's guidance. There is no hint here of the splendours of Corsican fish soup or of the fireworks set off on Napoleon's birthday. But then diligent travellers will have no difficulty finding such frivolities for themselves.

A Burlington Beadle barred my way into his arcade the other day. He was not going to let me lower the tone of his posh Piccadilly premises by wheeling my bicycle past all that cashmere, even though the cycle in question is quite new and shiny. Visitors to the capital who want to know more about beadles and bargemasters, pearly kings and swanmasters may care to consult *Traditional London*, a rather thin volume for £2.25, published by the London Tourist Board

S.C.P.

Correction: the telephone number for Tailor Made Ski Holidays is 0225 859598.

In the footsteps of St Francis



Michael Watkins visits Assisi, birthplace of the founder of the Franciscan order. Here he shares an ice-cream with a nun who takes him on a guided tour of this place of pilgrimage

Richard North



Stairway to a shrine: pilgrims and tourists climb the steps of the Basilica, built in 1226, to see the tomb of St Francis (below)

The Albergo Subasio had given me a room with a view — not of lovely Florence, but of even lovelier Assisi. As there are several kinds of truth, so are there varieties of beauty; and in this degree Florence and Assisi are unrelated. Florence paid for its gorgeousness expensively, as a duchess pays for finery: the Medicis, always out to impress, clothed their city in the most sumptuous architectural raiment money could buy. Assisi acquired its covering with modesty, favouring self-denial to excess.

So my room overlooked clean unfussy lines of the Friary; beyond was the landscape of Umbria, the plain of Spoleto and rounded hills. The corn had been cut and stubble lay in the mad yellow whorls of van Gogh.

On my first morning I went to the Basilica built four years after the saint's death in 1226. In the crypt of St Francis, before the saint's tomb, a service was in progress, the star of which appeared to be a little girl plumply parcelled in wedding-white.

A nun standing next to me whispered that the child was making her first communion. Wasn't the crypt wonderful, she asked me, it was her most precious spot in Assisi. We climbed up to the Cloister of Sixtus IV, assembled, so my crib-sheet informed me, in the pre-Renaissance Lombard style, where the white heat struck at us viciously.

Let's have an ice-cream, I suggested. That would be a real treat, she said; they didn't get much pocket-money for luxuries. We found a place in the Via San Francesco where I bought two vanilla cornets speckled with gritty bits of chocolate. We sat on a low wall, licking the ice-cream and getting to know each other, tentatively, as on a first date.

She was Sister Theresa, she said, a Franciscan via Dublin, Massachusetts and, latterly, Rome. This was her fourth and closest encounter with St Francis. She was about 70, a sweetheart: and when she asked, rather shyly, if I'd like her to show me a few of her favourite things, I counted myself hugely lucky.

From the Piazza del Comune we cut down to the Oratoria di S. Francesco Piccolini where a Latin legend read: "In this oratory, once the stable of a bull and a donkey, was born St Francis, light of the world". Beneath it is reputed to be the house where the saint spent his childhood.

We stood in a room, possibly the kitchen, and I asked Sister Theresa if she was particularly aware of sanctity on this spot. "No," she replied, "perhaps I'm cold — people do become emotionally moved here, but I just feel that there are lots of saintly mothers in kitchens all over the world. What's the difference?"

In the Basilica of St Clare we stood beneath the crucifix, translated to its present position from St Damiano, which is said to have spoken to St Francis: "Vade Francisce et repara domum meam" ("Go, Francis, and repair my fallen house"). The figure nailed to the cross was not of the tortured Christ, but of a figure in triumph. "You see," explained Sister Theresa, "He is already risen."

She took me to the church of Santa Maria Maggiore, dating from the 4th century, guilelessly plain apart from its rose-window with eight radiating compartments. She introduced me to a couple of tiny cooks who slave willingly for pilgrims at a hospice; and she walked me through a private garden of contemplation above Assisi's rooftops.



She didn't take me to the cathedral or other great wonders, feeling, presumably, that I'd find my own way. We walked, in that glue-eyed heat, for seven hours, and when she asked what church I belonged to and I replied that I didn't know, she said that I'd discover sooner or later.

I did find my way to the cathedral and other great wonders, but it is not about these that I'll write or remember. Instead I shall remember the church of St Stefano, with its narrow windows and simplicity.

I shall remember buying bottled water at a mini-market in the Via S. Paolo, the shelves of pasta and soap powder reclining beneath 11th century arches. I shall remember squatting on the steps of the 1st century BC Temple of Minerva, dodging the pigeon strafing and watching a cat among those pigeons, disdaining them completely. What else would you expect in this town of St Francis?

Perhaps in time I shall forget some of these things, but I like to believe that I shall not forget Eremo delle Carceri — The Hermitage. It takes, on foot, a good hour to get there, climbing towards Monte Subasio. Hermits lived there and this, after his conversion, is where St Francis came to meditate. It remains isolated and solitary, a maze of humble dwellings, grotto and chapel, a cell containing the saint's stone bed.

There were few people about, more doves than humankind. The ancient ilex over a bridge there is known as "The Tree of Birds" in memory of St Francis's conversation with winged creatures. The tree, blackened, petrified-looking, was held together by iron stanchions; yet it was in bright, exuberant foliage. I didn't know what to make of that.

The following morning, on the Subasio's terrace, I breakfasted with an ordinand from Cuddesdon Theological College, near Oxford. Crumbling our croissants, we asked each other what we liked most about Assisi. He said that despite the plague of tourists, no one raised his voice, that Assisi imposed this kind of restraint.

I, finding it difficult to articulate, said that I'd had an ice-cream with a nun. Shouldering his rucksack, he left to catch a train to Rome; I turned my hired Fiat north to Siena. We had exchanged confidences, but not names: a very English omission.

TRAVEL NOTES

My journey, via Gatwick-Pisa, then by Avis hire-car to Assisi (about three hours' drive) was "tailored" by the Italian holiday specialists Citalia Ltd, Marco Polo House, 3-5 Lansdowne Road, Croydon CR9 1LL, (01-686 5533). I can warmly recommend them. Seven days at the Hotel Subasio (including flights, car hire breakfast only) is £485.

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OUT AND ABOUT

Ros Drinkwater



Saved from the past for the future: some of the restored buildings in a village setting at the Weald and Downland Museum

Cottage industry in preserving time

Nigel Andrew visits a collection of historical homes rescued from demolition or decay and rebuilt in an open-air museum



Past glories: young visitors clamber over an old farm wagon

All it needs is a church and a pub, and the illusion would be complete. Even without them, the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum looks much more like a village than anything you would usually associate with the word museum. A village, that is, where nobody lives and where the 20th century never happened.

This is a unique collection of old buildings, ordinary "vernacular" dwellings rescued from destruction and re-erected, stone by stone and timber by timber, in glorious Sussex countryside. The buildings have come from all over the south-east, and most of them were dilapidated and on the point of demolition when the museum stepped in to save them.

Each building has been painstakingly dismantled by experts, who thereby learnt the secrets of its construction and history. Transported in numbered pieces to the museum site, it was then put together again — not, usually, as it was when rescued, but in its historical "essence", stripped of later disguises.

A good example is the conspicuous red and white corner house, which came from North Cray in Kent. When rescued, it looked nothing like it does now. It was divided into a shop and two weatherboarded cottages with chimneys and stairs and internal partitions galore.

But at its heart was lurking a classic medieval hall-house and this is what the museum brought back into existence — a bare central hall open to the roofbeams, a two-storey bay at either end. The surprising red paint on the outside timbers is authentic too.

There are more than 30 buildings on the site now and nearly all of them can be fully explored inside and out. Nothing could give a clearer picture of how houses were built — and no introduction to the subject could be more enjoyably fascinating. Children can find as much to interest them here as scholars of vernacular architecture.

Near the centre of the "village" are a pair of ponds, complete with hungry ducks and greedy fish, and between the two stretches of water a working mill. The wheels go round, and the flour — stoneground, wholemeal, top-notch stuff — comes pouring out into the bins. You can buy a bag of it as a souvenir or, if you're serious, a whole sack. A young and not very medieval-looking miller keeps the mill grinding away.

Each building is different, of course, but also differently presented. Some show nothing inside but the bare bones. Others have reconstructed interiors, giving some idea of what they were like to live in. A few, like the toll cottage, even have mock-ups with figures: but this is no Merrie England theme park. As you wander round you might find a demonstration of spinning or a man at work turning out miniature horseshoes.

Strolling away from the "village centre," with its market hall and row of fine timber-framed houses, you pass a tiny school building, reconstructed right down to the desks and slates and inkwells. It reminded me rather of my primary school in the 1950s, but of course it is a 19th-century building: the museum is by no means limited to the medieval.

As the museum grows, so it seeks to give an ever fuller picture of life before the industrial and agrarian revolutions. The big project of the moment is a history of farming exhibit, centred on a lovingly reconstructed medieval farmstead. This enterprise, a joint venture with the National Farmers' Union, will be completed in time for British Food and Farming Year in 1989.

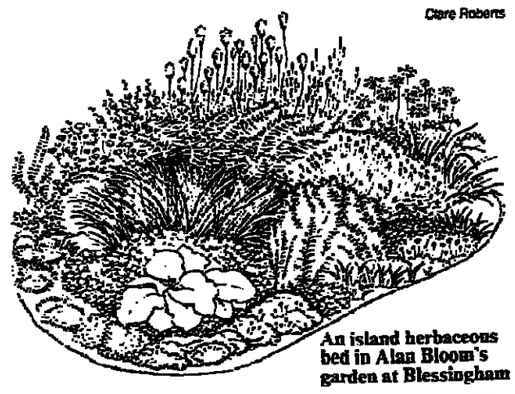
Meanwhile, the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum remains one of the best days out in the south. But do allow plenty of time — there is vastly more to see and do than you might at first think.

The Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, near Chichester, Sussex, is open until the end of October daily, 11am-5pm. From Nov to Mar, Wed, Sun and Bank Holidays, 11am-4pm. Admission £2, children £1.10. *Tel: 0243 63 348.*

IN THE GARDEN

In full Bloom – the work of a lifetime

Clare Roberts



An island herbaceous bed in Alan Bloom's garden at Blessingham

Gardeners foolish enough to doubt the accuracy of the photographs in the Bressingham Gardens catalogue should take a trip this weekend to the gardens of the Bloom family at the small Norfolk village of Bressingham, where many of the plants pictured are growing for all to see.

It was there that I met Alan Bloom, the nursery's founder. *Though semi-retired (his two sons now manage the business), he is still involved in propagating specialized plants and making field trials.*

He was perhaps the strongest influence in promoting the plants I love best, the hardy herbaceous perennials, bringing them out of a position of mild neglect into the prominence they enjoy today.

It was early evening when we met and he was still working, astonishingly spry for his 80 years. He had just come from hand weeding his *cherished trilliums. He rejects* any notion of "a favourite plant" but these double wake robins, or wood lilies as they are known, have maintained their spell on him for 30 years and he will expend infinite time and care to coax them into growth.

The large graceful flowers bloom snow-white above the dark triple leaved foliage. He brought his first nine plants of *Trillium grandiflorum Plenum* from Canada and worked patiently to build up his stocks to 27 plants in five years. He *then spent 15 more years* before he could offer a few for sale. There are still far more customers clamouring for them than he can possibly satisfy.

Over the years Alan Bloom has planted a garden of five acres around his Georgian house. Full of plants, the Dell Garden acts both as a trial ground and as a showpiece (with a grassy annexe thoughtfully provided with benches and tables for picnicking visitors).

He has been an innovative influence on garden design in his powerful advocacy of island beds with their large contoured shapes cut out of the lawn for the growing of perennials.

This weekend Bressingham celebrates a "special garden open weekend" when Alan Bloom's garden (and steam museum) and the famous five acres of conifer and heather gardens of his son Adrian will be open to visitors.

Francesca Greenoak

- The Dell Garden/Steam Museum is open Sundays 11.30am-6pm until September 27; admission £1.50; children 4-14, 80p; senior citizens £1.20.
- This weekend, two gardens and museum; Saturday reduced rate £2 per car (nursery railway only running) Sunday, usual charges.
- Bressingham Plant Centre, open daily 10am-5.30pm (10.30am Tues), is well worth a visit as it has stocks of unusual plants not always included in the catalogue.

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Oxfordshire: Highmoor Hall, 6m NW of Henley-on-Thames; off B481 to Reading at Nettlebed: 6 acres, trees, shrubs, herbaceous borders, walled vegetable garden; 2 to 6pm.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

Hertfordshire: Hopley's Garden and Nursery, 5m from Bishop's Stortford on B1004 in centre of Much Hadham; 3½ acre garden, trees, shrubs, herbaceous and alpine plants, island beds, many unusual and rare plants; 11am to 6pm. Daily

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Warwickshire: Ryton Gardens, National Centre for Organic Gardening, 5m SE of Coventry on B4029 off A45 to Wolston; 6 acres demonstrating organic gardening, herbs, roses, bee garden, shrubs, vegetables, fruits, conservation area. Until end of September, 10am to 6pm; October to March, 10am to 4pm. Closed Christmas and Boxing days.

TOMORROW

Somerset: Barrington Court, NE of Ilminster; garden constructed in 1920, walled ins, rose, and lily gardens; 2 to 6pm.

Hampshire: Southwood House, Itchen Abbas, 3½m E of Winchester; 1½ acres, herbaceous plants, shrubs, fruit trees, greenhouses, much of interest; 2 to 5.30pm.

Roy Hay

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- **Tie in the new young growth of climbing plants, especially roses and clematis, which hate being blown about.**
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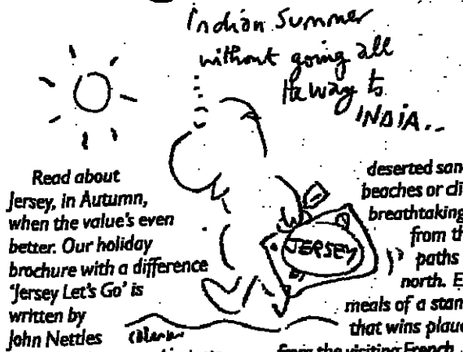


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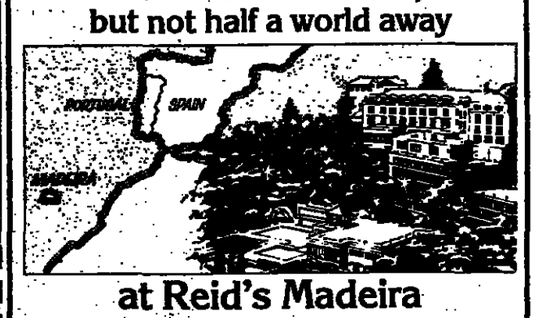
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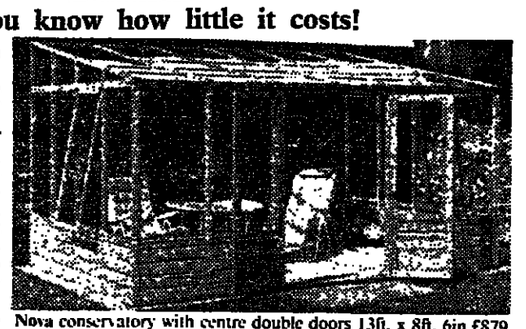
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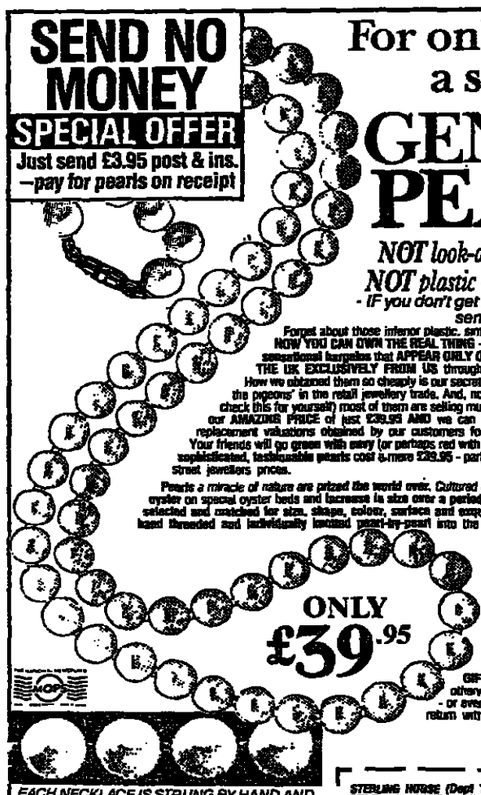
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SHOPPING

Cooking up fashion ideas

Good news for upwardly mobile catalogue lovers everywhere. Today sees the launch of Habitat Direct (a new mail order supplement to the annual March catalogue), presenting new merchandise in a simple format and with the minimum of glossy "lifestyle" prose.

Sloughing off country-kitchen nostalgia (earthenware china, clay bakers), Habitat Direct leans on the latest technology for the three kitchens added to its range. The £1,136.70 Orchard kitchen, for example (seen on the right) combines seasoned cherry wood with black-finished beech handles, and all the usual hi-tech electrical mod cons, such as microwaves and coffee makers.

Elsewhere in the catalogue Habitat clearly identifies its target market: the Monophone telephone, for example, is photographed next to a Filofax! But then, Habitat has always paid close attention to fashion . . .



Apple of their eye: the Orchard, one of three new kitchens in the Habitat Direct catalogue

Hi-tech service

The upmarket gloss of a new home entertainment centre, which opens in London next Wednesday, belies a practical approach to selling audio and video equipment.

In contrast to the more customary stacks of screens, boxes and wiring found in audio/visual shops, LeSet, at the South Kensington end of the Fulham Road, features stylish fixtures and fittings, devised by Martin Shirley of the design company ORMS, a basement coffee bar and sound studio. Hi-tech storage systems and custom-made furniture designed by Peter Milne complete the picture, and the shop also offers a designer service for those who require specialist audio/video furniture.

Staff at LeSet have been trained to help shoppers make informed choices and will advise on "means" of hi-fi components from different manufacturers, tailored to meet specific budgets.

LeSet is at 115 Fulham Road, London SW3 (01-581 3676). Open Monday to Friday, 10am-7pm; Saturday, 9am-6pm.

Sounds interesting

The tiny Bose Acoustimass loudspeakers could well benefit owners of Knightsbridge broom cupboards, or anyone who prefers a living room free from the clutter of a sprawling hi-fi system. The loudspeakers stand less than 4in high, stacked in pairs, while a separate sound module — 8in high, 13in wide and 20in deep — can be tucked behind curtains or under a sofa. The Acoustimass Sound System costs £439.95 from major independent hi-fi retailers.

● After braces, designer cufflinks and trendy tiepins, it seems that fashion-conscious yuppies will be brightening up dull pinstripes with elasticated armbands this autumn. Osprey, better known for its fashionable leather belts, has introduced a range of armbands in beige, red and black stripes, plus plain navy, bordeaux, black and red. They cost £11 per pair from Brats, 281 King's Road, London SW3. Will spats be next, one wonders?

When time is money

Porsche has just launched its new Ultra Sport Moon Phase watch in 18ct yellow gold at £3,450, and in titanium and gold at £1,695. This lightweight timepiece is water resistant to 60 metres and shows the exact phase of the moon on any given day of the month. Moon-struck millionaires can pick one up at the Porsche Design boutique at Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, London SW1 and at Porsche Design Car Centres.

Bright eyes

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● The demand for photograph tongs and crocodile cases for telegraph forms may have dwindled, but the quality of workmanship and standard of service offered by Smythson of Bond Street in 1887 are still in evidence today. Although, these days, discerning shoppers are more likely to seek out Smythson for leather desk-top accessories, wallets, document cases and fine quality embossed paper, some traditional items — such as featherweight diaries and Bond Street Blue stationery, both introduced shortly after the shop opened on September 29, 1887 — are as popular as ever. Frank Smythson Limited is at 54 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-636 7122).

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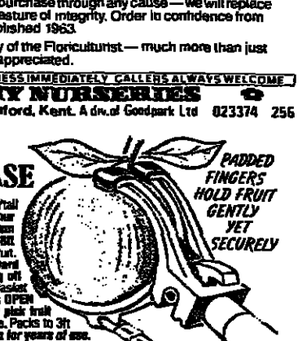
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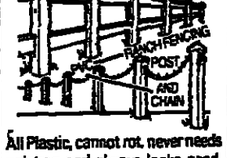
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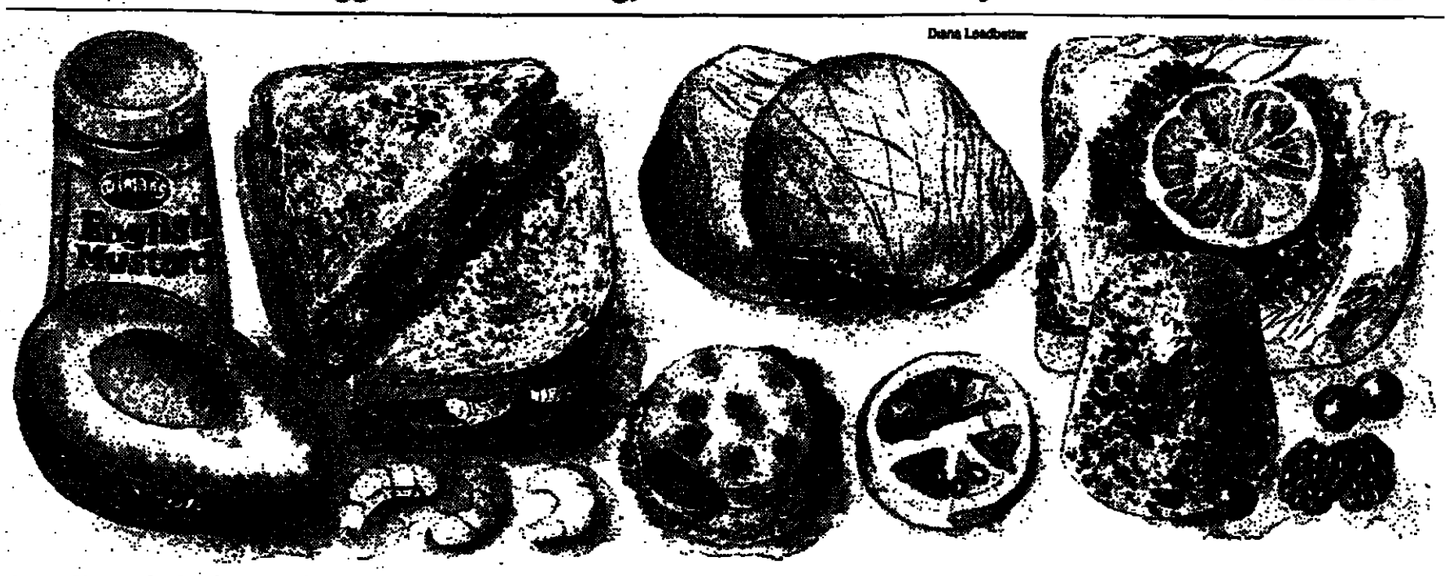
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THE TIMES COOK

Sandwich course in healthy eating

Many families will be returning to work or school next week after the summer holidays.

Frances Bissell suggests some filling, economical and tasty snacks for the lunchbox



Just as the delicatessens of New York feed its hungry workers at lunchtime, and the *rosticcerias* feed Milan, so have city sandwich bars become a national institution in this country.

Until recently, I worked just around the corner from the best one in London. The Mayfair Pasta and Sandwich Bar has gained a huge following. You have to be there soon after noon if you do not want to queue halfway down Davies Street, in the West End.

Apart from the pleasure of being served by four cheerful Italians, what makes the place so tempting is its heavenly sandwiches: crabmeat and egg salad; egg florentine, a clever mixture of chopped, cooked spinach and egg mayonnaise; avocado and prawns; chicken and avocado; tuna fish and sweetcorn . . .

But they also make the classics, such as smoked salmon in brown bread, with just a hint of lemon and a grinding of black pepper and — my favourite after the egg florentine — rare roast beef on granary bread.

On balance, I think that sandwiches made with "real bread" and plenty of filling are the best possible fast food, convenient to eat if you're in a hurry, nourishing and appetizing, and far better than a soggy carrot salad in a carton or a greasy hamburger.

For those not near the best sandwich bar in London, good sandwiches are still the best bet for the lunchbox. Good sandwiches do not necessarily mean roast beef or smoked salmon.

But remember that smoked salmon trimmings — ideal for sandwiches — are often available at a quarter of the price of smoked salmon. Plenty of salad leaves, topped with some smoked mackerel mashed with yoghurt, and covered with thinly sliced orange, make a cheap and delicious sandwich. An omelette made with one egg, flavoured with herbs and cheese, makes another.

Why not make, at the beginning of the week, a small quantity of spread from equal parts of softened butter, thick Greek yoghurt and sunflower margarine? With the addition of chives, mustard, chutney or sesame paste, blend the lot in a food processor. The spread can then be put in a china bowl and kept in the refrigerator.

Sandwiches using up yesterday's roast make a good economical meal. Or, for those at home at lunchtime, perhaps something on toast: those office lunches from the sandwich bar would have been perfect if they could have occasionally included cheese on toast, or mashed sardines and mustard on toast.

Tomatoes and goat's cheese on toast
(Serves 4)

- 4 slices wholemeal bread
- 4 tsp mustard
- 16 tomato slices
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 goat's cheese log (6oz /175g), thinly sliced

Toast the bread on one side. Spread the untoasted side with mustard and lay the tomato slices on top. Season with salt and pepper. Place back under a hot grill for a minute or two, then lay the cheese slices on top of the tomatoes and grill until golden brown and bubbling.

Goat's cheese can, of course, be replaced by other types: my other favourite for this is farmhouse Lancashire.

Roast fillet of beef
Serves 4 with plenty of left overs for sandwiches

- 2¾lb / 1kg fillet of beef
- 4 tsp olive oil
- 2 tsp wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp clear honey
- 1 tsp Angostura bitters
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp Worcester sauce
- 4 tbsp crushed peppercorns

Trim any fat from the beef. Mix all the liquid ingredients and brush these on the beef. The meat can be marinated overnight or cooked after it has stood, covered, for an hour to absorb the flavours.

Wipe off any excess liquid, and fry the meat all over in a well-seasoned or non-stick frying pan. Then roll in the crushed peppercorns, pressing them well into the the meat. Place it on a rack in a roasting pan, and roast in a pre-heated oven, gas mark 7, 220°C /425°F, for 20 to 30 minutes. Leave it in a warm place for 10 to 15 minutes before carving.

Individual summer puddings
(Makes 4)

- 14oz / 400g prepared soft fruit: blackcurrants, redcurrants, raspberries, blackberries (a mixture of these, or just one)
- 2oz / 50g sugar
- 4 to 6 slices of bread

Use empty yoghurt or cottage cheese cartons which are handy for packing into lunchboxes. They also make delicious little puddings for a dinner party.

Rinse the fruit, put it into a saucepan and sprinkle with sugar. Heat gently until the juices begin to run. Trim the crusts from the bread, cut out four small circles to fit the bottom of the containers, then cut the rest of the bread into wedges the same length as the depth of the containers.

Strain the fruit and quickly dip the pieces of bread in the juice. Being damp, they will now be better shaped to line the containers. Divide the fruit among the four bread-lined containers, and press down a little. Any fruit left over can be rubbed through a sieve and used as a sauce or in ice-cream. Cover with remaining bread, moisten with more juice, cover with cling film and chill in the refrigerator.

EATING OUT

Seasonal game for a laugh

Jonathan Meades has a grouse about the way the British cook wild fowl, but finds one restaurant where the dish was excellent and another where it was difficult to keep the bird on the plate



Overhung, overcooked, overpriced, overrated: these are four characteristic attributes of the grouse as it is habitually found in Britain. The wretched creatures are more interesting as target practice than as meat and belong more to folklore than to gastronomy.

The culpable party is, as usual, that dreary institution called British cooking whose traditional method of dealing with this bird seems to have acquired the authority of a law carved in stone. Otherwise imaginative chefs obey this law of roasting to the point of dessication and slopping up bread sauce as though on pain of penal servitude. To them any new recipe is a shy at the British Way Of Life.

One chef prepared to risk obloquy is Nicholas Ruthven-Stuart of Fifehead Manor near Andover. Ruthven-Stuart wrote to me to suggest that Geddes in Southampton is not the only first rate restaurant in Hampshire. He didn't sound particularly modest and, as it turns out, he doesn't have much to be modest about: his is a fine kitchen.

It is a kitchen in a rather higher league than the restaurant it serves. There is a marked gulf between the cooking and the dining room of this otherwise comfortable hotel: the dining room is glumly lit and dreamily decorated in the manner of a tea shop.

It doesn't much matter I suppose, but it would take very little to transform it into a stage worthy of the kitchen's achievements which include the best grouse I've eaten. Mr Ruthven-Stuart's treatment of it was a revelation. The bird was spatchcocked, char-grilled, its breast served off the bone, and given a judiciously gauged and delightful sauce of Madeira. There was also a bread sauce which had as much affinity to the usual abomination of that name as Anton Mossiman's bread and butter pudding has to *that* qi abomination.

The meat was just the gamy side of mild and reasonably rare. It was served with some notable vegetables: a tomato topped with pesto and finished under the grill; a light and savoury timbale of courgette, cheese and egg; a potato gratin with a hint of mace. There were more good vegetables with an outstanding lamb fillet in a lovely rosemary sauce — purées of celeriac, carrot and something dark green which may have been spinach, may have been kale but which in either case was agreeable. These dishes were preceded by a salad of scallops and slightly overcooked sweetbreads and a "charlotte" of carrot and chervil with a watercress sauce.

Sweets here are sumptuous. A £1 supplement to the £16 set menu allows you to taste the lot: a lemon tart with strawberry sauce, a coconut bavarois, cinnamon ice cream, a strange and uncharacteristically heavy confection called toffee pudding.

'Dry-cleaners must adore this dish! It is virtually impossible to eat without soiling one's clothes'

The cheeses are to be avoided; they arrived straight from the refrigerator and in poor condition. The coffee, too, is dismal. The wine list reinforces the impression that *what is not under the direct* control of the kitchen is of a distinctly lower grade than what is a 1983 Nuits St Georges from Henri Gouges looked like, and indeed was, one of its rare paste gems. With one meal from the menu and another from the carte, the bill was £58. The cooking is undoubtedly worth the 80 minute trip from London.

I'm not certain though that the cooking at Dukes Hotel in St James's is worth the 80 minute trip from Middle Wallop. The great virtues of this establishment lie in the prettiness of the flowery yard in front of it and, once within, in the high professionalism of its service. These come at a price, and what a price.

This is the most expensive place I've visited: £140 would buy two people a meal at a three-star shrine in Paris and an appreciable chunk of the fare there; here it bought two aperitifs, a half bottle of workaday Chablis, a bottle of Santenay that faded alarmingly, but all too typically of the "new", lighter burgundies, after a glass and a half, two three course meals from the carte, two digestifs and five coffees.

A grouse here cost £18 which is two pounds more than the entire set meal which included grouse at Fifehead. It was done in the trad manner — the whole roast bird being plonked on a plate along with a decent gravy, a tasteless bread sauce and a pointless spoonful of cooked breadcrumbs.

How the dry-cleaners of Mayfair must adore this dish! It is virtually impossible to eat without soiling one's clothes with grease — a 2ft square napking affords little protection. As an example of this cooking method, it wasn't bad; it was not overcooked and the meat wasn't high. But the crudeness combined with a tendency to slither about the plate when breached with knife and fork and to drip into one's sleeves when picked up is tiresome. So meagre a dish is simply not worth the bother.

A dish of quails brought with it the same problems but this at least was quite interesting, or rather its sauce of kirsch and blueberries was. Another decent if rather simpler sauce had accompanied a starter of artichoke heart stuffed with woodland mushrooms. The starter I ate was not impressive — it was a less than sprightly "navarin" of salmon, scallop and turbot in an unremarkable *feuillete* with a sauce which could have done with about three times the amount of dill it actually contained.

The sweets were much better than one expects from a large trolley and the cheese was excellent. But then at this sort of price everything should be excellent.

Fifehead Manor: Middle Wallop, Andover, Hants (Andover (0264) 781565) 12noon-2.30pm and 7.30-9.30pm every day.

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DRINK

Bordeaux blues and some bargain reds and whites

Bad news from Bordeaux. Due to poor weather, the 1987 crop has suffered from both *coulure* (when the grapes fail to form properly) and *millerandange* (when the grapes fail to ripen properly) and although the quality will not be known until the end of this month, when the grapes are picked and the wine made, the quantity will certainly be considerably lower than the growers were expecting.

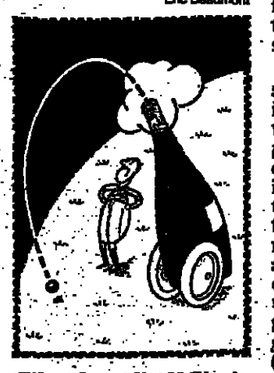
Baron Eric de Rothschild from Lafite expects the yield from his Bordeaux properties to be down by a quarter or even a third. The owners of lesser châteaux have been saying much the same.

But is it as bad as it sounds? With so many large Bordeaux vintages in recent years, plus a backlog of wine still to be drunk, perhaps the 1987 harvest will bring a little sense back into Bordeaux's high prices. As usual we will have to wait until the spring to see how the Bordeaux merchants and growers react.

In the meantime, what would we all like to drink this month?

Top of my list of refreshing white wines to cool us in hot weather and also to make useful fish or first course wines is Winecellars' excellent Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine, the '86 Domaine de l'Ebeaupin.

I am not a great fan of Muscadet, finding it often dull, acidic and aggressive. This reasonably priced Muscadet, however, is none of these things. Instead it has a delicious, slightly toasty bouquet, backed up by a clean, fresh, flowery taste with all the lemony bite you would expect of this appellation. Priced at £3.39, it may not be the cheapest in the land but for a white wine with this class and flavour it is a splendid buy.



(Winecellars, 153-155 Wandsworth High Street, London SW18; The Market £3.65)

More impressive still from Winecellars is the '85 Bourgogne, Clos de Chenôves, from the Buxy co-operative in the Côte Chalonnaise, just south of the Côte d'Or.

The splendid ripe, smoky scent of this wine stems from its vinification and maturation in oak, as the label proudly claims. Behind its oak-influenced bouquet there is lots of youthful fruit and it is the combination of these two flavours on the palate that makes it so worthwhile. Priced at £5.55, it also happens to be one of the cheapest introductions to the genuine taste of a great white Côte d'Or burgundy that I know (Winecellars; The Market £6.15).

Bargain champagne sounds unlikely, but The Champagne House, 15 Dawson Place, London W2, has just brought out a late summer offer with proper discounts of up to £1.67 off a bottle on four of their Blanc de Blancs and rosé champagnes. My favourite is Albert Le Brun's non-vintage Blanc de Blancs, the star wine in this Avize house's firmament, with its fine, smoky bouquet and big, rich, full-flavoured palate. Priced at £10.50 per bottle — 90p off the current list price — this non-vintage Brut is highly recommended.

September also deserves some red wine recommendations and my bargain buy this autumn is the same as that of last year: Sainsbury's amazing Arrida, a Portuguese red wine, only £1.89 for the full 75cls bottle.

Very sensibly, Sainsbury's have bottled all their wines in this size, having phased out the old 70cls bottle well in time for the change in the law. From January 1989 all table wines sold in the United Kingdom will have to be in 75cls bottles.

Jane MacQuitty

THE ARTS

Going for broke

What do you do when you find burly creditors hitching up your BMW to a tow-truck? Remonstrate? Faint? Call your solicitor? Of course not: you rescue your Filofax from the *glove compartment even as the* sleek machine is leaving your crumbling life.

A *new drama* serial about bankruptcy and its aftermath, *Bust* (LWT) strained so hard to make its points about wrong values that it was in danger of turning into the televisual equivalent of a Victorian moral painting.

Blond, pouting, entrepreneurial Neil (Paul Nicholas) took his grimly

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tightlipped wife Sheila (Phyllis Logan) out to dinner for the first time in three months. Half way through their first glass of water, a telephone call whisked Neil away to a building site where the poured *concrete he had sold proved to* be 20 per cent slag. The shady Arab who had sold it to Neil proved to be less than accommodating. Later, his agents offered to relieve Neil's right hand of its fingers if he declined to fill in a fistful of digits on an Amex Gold form. Meanwhile, muttering of divorce, Sheila decamped. Maybe this is what comes of dining in pink restaurants whose greeters are called Philippe.

This slippery path to the bankruptcy court was potent enough as a dramatic mechanism, with roofs falling in at every step; the only wonder was that there was so little drama on-screen. Entire *scenes were written in cartoon-*bubble dialogue for the hard of understanding, and at times the expository literalness of the script reminded one of the dubbed version of *Chateauvallon*. Indeed, when an aggrieved cab driver whom a penurious Neil had bilked of 50 pence told him, "You know what you are? You're a pouce", one expected a sub-title to flash up.

Some of the blame for this surely lies with the pernicious convention of introducing serials with a double-length first episode in the naive belief that the punter, thus hooked, will come back for more. Quite the contrary: last night's opener would have been a lot more enticing at around an hour's length. Mr Nicholas, perhaps surprisingly given his limited abilities, is by no means miscast; Geraldine Alexander as the acid blonde accountant *looks set fair to act everyone* else off the screen.

Martin Cropper

How do people feel when they find themselves transformed into characters in a novel? **Catherine Bennett** investigates

When fiction is stranger than truth



Jerry Gude is a drunkard, a middle-aged juvenile delinquent whose self-regard ensures that his many vices remain on the contemptible side of pathetic. As the sodden wreckage of a once fashionable writer, he makes a diverting central figure in Jane Ellison's new novel, *Another Little Drink*, about hacks on a pompous Conservative weekly called *The Commentator*; but it would be sad to think that someone like him really existed. Jeffrey Bernard, the *Spectator* columnist, has recently concluded that the character is meant to represent himself.

"Michael Heath told me," Bernard said on the telephone from the Coach and Horses pub in Soho. "*He came up to* me, said 'I never realized you drank so much', and giggled."

But Bernard had not found it amusing. He raised his voice over the clamour of the pub, strikingly similar in its atmosphere to Ellison's Dog and Biscuit. "I don't mind," he said, "But she's got me wrong. I drink a lot but I'm not a nutcase. I've got my habit *under control.*" He shouted across the bar to Norman Balon, the Coach and Horses' landlord, who many find reminiscent of Jane Ellison's abusive fictional publican, Galen Bone. "Have you read it? She portrays you brilliantly — she does a terrible job on me."

In the offices of Private Eye, the satirical weekly magazine where Jane Ellison spent several years writing the Street of Shame column, early proofs of the novel were scoured for traces which might lead to a living member of staff. All that could be found was a pair of spats, said to have caused some distress to an *Eye* employee called Christopher Sylvester, who not uncommonly wears them. Now Sylvester protests that he is quite indifferent to the supposed reference: "The character doesn't follow me in any other respect" — and adds that "Jane Ellison was always the sort of person who is keen to stab you in the back."

In her innocuous study in Chiswick, surrounded by pictures of a grinning baby, Jane Ellison laughs immoderately at the speculation and insists that none of the characters has a model: "I wouldn't see myself as inviting those sort of comments. I'm not trying to write about *Private Eye* because it's too much of its time, it's an ephemeral thing. I'm trying to draw something funnier and larger out of it all. A deliberate attempt to put people into books is a great mistake because after a year or so, the book is forgotten."

Those acquainted with the contributors of both *Private Eye* and *The Spectator* confirm that elements of several living journalists can be identified in each of Ellison's fictional individuals — which was perhaps still more irritating for her former colleagues than finding themselves lifted body and soul into immortality. "Of course I prefer to be mentioned rather than left out," Jeffrey Bernard admits. "I just think it's an amazingly inaccurate spoof." Jane Ellison laughed again; the laugh of an injured satirist. "If people say they see aspects of Jeff in that, then it's up to them — I don't really know Jeffrey Bernard very well."

With names which echo real ones, incidents which sound oddly familiar, and spats which intrude on the reader's notice as surely as Sylvester's do on the carpet of the Coach and Horses, Ellison's former colleagues can perhaps be forgiven their search for parallels. But her invitation to the ball is grudgingly given, compared with the welcome Clive James affords to any member of the Groucho literati who picks up his new novel, *The Remake*, which mocks, indulges and ultimately exalts the intrusion of fact into fiction. Some living celebrities — Clive Sinclair, Kingsley Amis, Donald Sinden — are awarded parts under their own names. Others, veiled by humourous soubriquets, are granted walk-on roles at parties, with only their fictional irrelevance to suggest that someone, somewhere finds their presence amusing.

"We had a game in the office to see who could get the most," announced a publicity girl from Cape, James's publishers. "It's a new way of reading a book!" If you knew where to look, she said, the novel was "packed full of people": Craig Raine, Pat Kavanagh, Julian Barnes, Martin Amis, "and Clive James is there three times!"

Like one of his imaginary representatives, James has retreated to Biarritz, leaving his publicists to speculate on whether he likes his readers to play Hunt the Original.

"I think Clive hopes that people will read it and enjoy putting names to the characters," said Pat Kavanagh, James's agent. "I don't think he's doing it to be obscure." Had she noticed her own appearance as Joni Dankworth, *the glamorous literary agent* and wife of a famous novelist husband? "Bloody hell," said *Kavanagh.* "Thanks a lot. I don't recall thinking yes, that's me, but I suppose if I had thought it it's flattering to be put into print, even if the self is less than the self that you recognize."

She thinks it would be "contrary" of James to deplore the *new game*, but William Amos, who wrote a book called *The Originals: Who's Really Who in Fiction*, remembers James being "less than forthcoming" on the humans he deployed in *Brilliant Creatures.*

Only Tom and Miriam Stoppard (Tim and *Naomi Stripling* in the novel) appear in Amos's *directory*, a transformation confirmed by Peter Langan, who identified an entire passage featuring the married geniuses as a dinner party held by James in Langan's Brasserie, with only a little hyperbole to distinguish it from the original incident.

"*It's true, I did make a* romantic pass — not an obscene one — at Meryl Streep," Langan said, clearly indignant that James concludes the episode with "Flaherty", the foulmouthed restaurateur, carried from the scene by his waiters. "That's bollocks. That is complete Clive James fiction; that is the difference between the truth and what Clive James turned it into." But Langan is inclined to forgive the liberty. "I laughed at it and thought, 'You lying Australian git.' The thing about Clive James is, he's under no illusions, he doesn't regard himself as a serious writer — does he?"

D. H. Lawrence regarded himself as a serious writer; so, no doubt, did Pope, Tolstoy, Waugh, and Dickens. Characters from all their work appear in Amos's inventory. Stephen Spender, who is thought to have inspired three imaginary versions — one distinguished, one ignoble, and one plain *ludicrous — suggests that the* habit is unavoidable. "I'm about to publish a novel which *draws entirely on real people*, although it goes back to 1929. I think nearly all novelists draw on real people, but they have a different kind of power in transforming them in the course of doing so."

Unlike many novelists who regard the detection of origi*nals as considerably more* mindless and certainly more unworthy than spotting trains, Spender considers the practice "natural human curiosity". Even so, he said, it is quite reasonable for a novelist to deny his sources, "because there is always a difference between the fiction, and a person who is alive, and going around altering their behaviour."

Julian Barnes may, or may not, be one of Clive James's originals. Either way, he is unlikely to find out. He does not read novels in that way. "It becomes sort of reductive, and you find yourself reading Evelyn Waugh thinking, 'Is that really Brian Howard?' — which I don't think helps either the reader or the writer." Waugh himself scorned the creatures who read fiction as a "gossip column". But for the original spotter, the habit is oddly comforting: literary creation becomes wholly explicable — you just put your friends and enemies in books.

"What's sinister is how easy it was to turn into a novel," recalls Willie Donaldson, the writer who achieved fame through toilet books, of the processes whereby an intended chunk of autobiography became a fiction (published in May): about an ageing writer of toilet literature, who loves and exploits a beautiful young junkie, turning their affair into a book. Its title, *Is This Allowed*, refers precisely to the moral dilemma of using human beings as literary raw material. Donaldson says it became a novel simply because as autobiography it "would have been too bloody embarrassing". Reviewed as a novel, it did well; read by Donaldson's wife, it caused great pain. "It has hurt her very much and I can't defend that," he says. "I probably shouldn't have written it."

The names of the protagonists have been changed, but like Clive James, Donaldson has written in real people — Martin Amis, Claire Tomalin, Kenneth Tynan — to titivate the party scenes. "It's simply a sort of shorthand — a proper novelist would be able to create a literary dinner party," he says. "*In my case it's* sheer laziness and not taking it seriously enough."

After *some uncertainty*, he is convinced that the book now reads as fiction — although, he adds, what doesn't? "The dividing line is not clear," he suggests, rather helplessly. "We all recreate each other anyway; we recreate our friends — particularly when you are in love with someone . . . What I think is nonsense is the *roman à clef* business. If you think a passage is only interesting because you happen to know that Bert Bloggs is Julian Barnes, then that is just silly Bertorelli's gossip, it's pointless. If it's good anyway, why make him Julian Barnes?"

But as Evelyn Waugh discovered, a novelist only has to close the door on reality to have readers scrabbling for the key. Was his William Boot in *Scoop* based on Bill Deedes, former editor of *The Daily Telegraph*? No. But Deedes's real appearance in Waugh's Abyssinian *pension*; as a naive reporter with a quarter of a ton of luggage, appears to have given Waugh two ideas which have permanently fixed Deedes as Boot, if not Boot as Deedes. "There is this great *fascination in people to find* proof of identity," Deedes observes. "Maybe it's the *same thrill you get from* meeting somebody in *East-Enders*, I don't know."

Certainly the possession of two alter egos (for he is also taken for *Private Eye*'s Dear Bill) has done for his reputation what 50 years in journalism and 25 in politics never could. "*It's absolutely trans*formed my social station," he said. "It puts you on Christian *names with people instantly.*" Apart from accepting the invitations, Deedes is careful to debunk the myth, especially to his wife. "The stuff about that girl — Kätchen, was it? Well, nothing of that sort happened in Abyssinia. There was nothing half so interesting as that about, I can assure you."

● Another Little Drink, *by Jane Ellison, is published this week by Secker & Warburg (£10.95). Clive James's* The Remake *will be published next month by Cape (£10.95).*

A noble swan-song

Only a week after the death of John Huston, his last film had its world premiere at the *Venice Film Festival.* Alongside the regret, there is the considerable consolation that *The Dead* is the most perfect and personal film of the career which began 46 years ago with *The Maltese Falcon.*

Huston regarded James Joyce's story as "one of the greatest *in the English* language. It confronts you with certain facts of life — love, *marriage*, passion and death — and forces you to face them."

The wife of the film's German producer, Lilyan Sievernich, made a documentary record of the filming which shows how closely Huston identified himself with the project. On some *films his* method was to choose the right actors, the right script and the best technicians, and then to content himself with a rather detached style of supervision. "I see my role," he told me on the set of *The MacIntosh Man* (1973), "as that of an innocent bystander."

On *The Dead* he appears to have concerned himself with every move and intonation and detail. He was confined to a wheelchair and hooked up to oxygen machines, but evid*ently undiminished*, as charming, attentive, witty and wise as he had ever been. At the end of the documentary Mrs Sievernich asks him awkwardly about the significance of the project at this stage of his life. He roars with laughter: "You asked me that very nicely. What you really mean is when I'm so close to death myself. Oh . . . that doesn't matter."



John Huston during the production of The Dead: "Action for me does not mean car chases"

The gaunt Dublin house that Joyce recalled from 1904 was recreated in a warehouse in the Californian desert; *but* you never question the authenticity.

"Action for me does not mean car chases," said Huston. Most of the story takes place in the parlour and dining room in the course of a party given by the Misses Morkan at Epiphany. The action and the characters are faultlessly orchestrated. The carving of the goose is as compellingly eventful as any car chase; the suspense lies in the tension between the characters. The Irish cast — notably Dan O'Herlihy, Donal Donelly, Marie Kean and the exquisite Cathleen Delany — are impeccable in their timing and comedy.

Perhaps Huston was the only director who could have comprehended Joyce's own very Irish conjunction of joyous farce and melancholy philosophy; or have brought off the poetic ending of *The Dead.* Gabriel and Gretta (Donal McCann and Anjelica Huston) leave the warmth of the sociable evening to be *confronted with dark vistas of* mortality and eternity, as Gretta recalls the Galway lad who died for her at 17 and Gabriel has his own foreboding of death. Joyce's words continue over a montage of shots of the bleak wintery plains and graveyards; and finally there is only the snow.

It is as magical as it is mysterious. Few artists have made their exits with such majestic grace as John Marcellus Huston.

David Robinson

Mixing past and present

CONCERTS

LS/Parrott
Queen Elizabeth Hall

There is currently a theory, emanating from the United States, and reported in musical journals over here, that the present-day style of performing early music is simply an adaptation of certain methods being practised by performers in the contemporary work of our own time.

This concert — one of the far-reaching Harrison Birtwistle series — was the sort to provide fuel for the theory.

It not only paired Xenakis and Stravinsky with Machaut, but also brought together the London Sinfonietta and the Taverner Choir under Andrew Parrott, whose reputation is rooted in the Renaissance and baroque.

The singers began on home ground with Machaut's *Messe de Nostre Dame*. To hear the agile solo lines and the articulate part-work that a skilled professional group, working to current laws of authenticity, can bring to this music is to realize why a thoroughly modern composer such as Birtwistle should look upon it with such favour.

His idea of getting other contemporary composers to make arrangements of a short Machaut piece to start these concerts here reached Anthony Payne, whose *Alleluias and Hockets* seemed to me a vivid and enjoyable way of bridging the gap between the old and the new.

Here the original *Hoquetus* runs through the new piece *simultaneously at three* different speeds.

A small instrumental ensemble is used, the same as for Stravinsky's Mass, and so the links proliferate as we also get just the sort of rhythmic impetus that has recently started to appear in instrumental performance of early music.

At this point there was a solo interlude. In quite another vein, Rohan de Saram played two cello pieces by Xenakis, entitled *Nomos Alpha* and *Kottos*, both restless and rapid pieces, both extreme in their use of the instrument. It was quite difficult to tell the difference between them.

With Stravinsky's Mass, however, the theme resumed and the Taverner Choir brought the programme full circle: an unashamedly 20th-century work, performed with rhythmic precision, rigid tempi, clear-toned and unromantic choral singing.

Are these, as some would say, the stylistic ideas of today that are being applied to the music of the past?

Richard Fairman

A weakness revealed

Israel PO/Mehta
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Whereas Bruckner's Ninth Symphony was a "song of praise to Our Lord" his Eighth was dedicated to a mere earthly potentate, Emperor Franz Josef; and Zubin Mehta made sure we knew it. His *reading of Bruckner's most* complex and expansive symphony — some, including the composer himself, would say his finest — was sturdy, earthbound, in short reductive.

"Dead-end music," came a muttered comment to my right. Last night it was. Idiosyncrasies of instrumental *blend, dynamic level and en*semble on which my colleague commented when reviewing the Israel Philharmonic's Wednesday performance can be masked, even transmuted by cunning showmanship in Mahler.

Not so in Bruckner. If a conductor is not willing to acknowledge that the work's purposes are inherent in every second of pacing, rhythm, harmony and orchestration, and that Bruckner functions



Zubin Mehta: flawed direction

less by recall than by genesis and evolution, then no prodigality of energy will count for more than a puff of air.

It was not as if a core, at least, of the orchestra, did not seem to feel the music deep in their bones. Time and again the ear was delighted by the quality of string playing, in the centre of the third movement: the sweetness of a violin, the grace of the violas, the warm weight of the cellos and — despite current opinion — the eloquence of the woodwind.

But Mehta led as some in their early days are taught to read a score: follow the line with the tune and the rest will slowly and surely drift into focus.

Not so surely though: there were some hefty *landings as* the opening material was set out, and some perversely flippant phrasing in the scherzo. It was this bell-chiming movement which revealed most crudely the flaw at the heart of Mehta's direction.

His approach was essentially one of cause and effect, of comparison and contrast, and that has little to do with Brucker.

He glanced over the structural significance of cadence upon cadence, for instance; he underestimated the way *in* which harmony itself shaped the phrasing, and he let his *unruly day-glo* brass players have their head.

It was a disappointing *showing for* an orchestra hardly lacking in character and spontaneity of response. They, and their audiences, deserve both more disciplined and more penetrating direction than this.

Hilary Finch

Death in the family

THEATRE

Curtains
Hampstead

Near the end of this rewarding, if sometimes awkward, two-acter, the down-to-earth character played by Alfred Lynch says to his newly-arrived sister-in-law, a woman long absent from the family *home* and suspecting she should have stayed away longer: "Murder, mystery, suspense, Dream Topping on your trifle — what more do you want?"

The murder occurs just before the interval, unexpectedly, but leaving no mystery about the identity of the murderer because we watch it taking place, after two botched attempts. The motive is far *from clear at the time and the* suspense lies in wondering how long the rest of the family will resist the disconcerting truth.

The focus of the play has *now shifted twice.* At first we are watching the birthday celebration for Ida, 86 years old and tormented by the cooing attention of her two daughters. Gwen Nelson gives Ida the raised brows and slowly focusing eyes reminiscent of Ralph Richardson catching the first hint of something nasty emerging from the woodshed.

Though physically and mentally falling apart, the resolve she brings to the act of blowing out the candle on her cake suggests a longing to have the same thing done to her life.

Sure enough, while the focus moves briefly on to the third sister, back after 25 years away, the place it comes to rest is on the member of the family who extinguishes Ida's life. The issue is euthanasia. Should we kill someone who wants to die?

The arguments advanced are not novel but the author gives emotionally telling speeches to Alfred Lynch, and to Bridget Turner whose performance as the stricken *daughter Katherine is excep*tionally touching and accomplished in its timing.

What is more, the dialogue frequently becomes explosively funny: listlessly circling sentences as characters steer clear of the unmentionable.

Not every character need be given a background speech, and the play would be improved by trimming (direction is by Stuart Burge). There were amusing performances by Ralph Nossek as a lily-livered husband and Sheila Ballantine.

Jeremy Kingston

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REVIEW

Sublime Apocalypse

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Schmidt: Das Buch mit sieben Siegeln. Soloists, Vienna State Opera Choir, Austrian RSO/Zagrosek (Orfeo S 143 862 H, two black discs, also on CD)

Franz Schmidt's great oratorio of the Apocalypse is the *Gerontius* of Austria, similar in its unequalness of achievement and in its failure to travel, despite pockets of enthusiasm here and in America. Composed in Vienna in 1935-7, it emerged terribly close to the nearest earthly imitation of apocalypse yet. However, the saving grace of the work is that it is not at all concerned with contemporary relevance, which would be more than distasteful.

There is, rather, an extraordinary innocence to it, expressed in the casting of St John as a youthful tenor (Peter Schreier is utterly convincing in being almost constantly surprised by what he sings about), in the wholly unironic references to the Passions and pastorals of Bach, and in the decisiveness with which massive fugues and arias are launched.

At times it can sound like the musical equivalent of a Disney cartoon of the Last Days, but there are moments too, of violent, many-layered turmoil and of bell-tolling affirmation, when Schmidt approaches the sublime.

Lothar Zagrosek is not inclined to have quite enough patience with him: tempos are brisk and rhythms angular, where softer moulding might be beneficial. But the choral and solo singing is excellent. Robert Holl is sonorous as the bass Voice of God; Carolyn Watkinson is a real creamy contralto in her important solos; and Thomas Moser and Kurt Rydl, in a tenor-bass duet, find echoes of Britten as well as Elgar in this wilful masterpiece.

Paul Griffiths

Alive again

ROCK RECORDS

The Grateful Dead: In The Dark (Arista 208584)
Salif Keita: Soro (Stern's Africa STERNS 1020)

***In The Dark*, The Grateful Dead's first studio album for seven years, has broken on an unsuspecting American market with all the quiet momentum of a seventh wave borne on a current of nostalgic euphoria, and has already become the group's most successful release ever.**

"While the public's tastes go up and down in cycles, we're just like the median line that's running right through that," said the Dead's bassist, Phil Lesh, in a recent interview, tacitly acknowledging that such sudden mass acceptance is certainly nothing to do with any change of formula in the group's music.

A collection of old-fashioned country-rock songs like "Touch Of Grey" and "Hell In A Bucket" are informed by good-natured sentiments about the intention to "survive" while "enjoying the ride". Whether playing light, pleasant country-boogie as on "When Push Comes To Shove", or getting hip to a more imaginative folky song like "Throwing Stones", the common denominator in the group's music is now a cosy unthreatening familiarity.

Salif Keita, an albino nobleman from Mali, is a singer who has enjoyed popular success in Africa since 1970. His album, *Soro*, gives the lie to the idea that such "ethnic" music is necessarily of a traditional or backward-looking nature.

Boasting a superlative 48-track digital production, and a cast of thousands — percussionists, horn sections, synthesizers, backing vocalists — the album is a delightful blend of cyclical African jazz-funk rhythm tracks (roughly in a Manu Dibango vein) and Keita's high, raw vocals.

David Sinclair

Quality showcase

JAZZ RECORDS

Stan Sulzmann & John Taylor: Everbody's Song But My Own? (Loose Tubes LTLP 004)

Stan Sulzmann's performance throughout *Everybody's Song But My Own?* makes clear the cost of taking for granted the talent of this young veteran, who became a fixture on the British jazz scene in the early Seventies.

Is Wayne Shorter currently extracting sweeter lyricism from the soprano saxophone than Sulzmann achieves during the modal shifts of "Introduction to No Particular Song"? Is Chico Freeman matching the emotional precision on display in the gorgeous "Old Ballad"? Could Eddie Daniels surpass the woody elegance of his clarinet on the Spanish-tinged "Gigolo"?

Maybe, and maybe not. The fact that the questions arise in the listener's mind at all is *tribute enough to the quality* of Sulzmann's performance in this series of duets with the pianist John Taylor, whose clear touch, alert brain and occasional bursts of highly relevant athleticism animate 10 compositions by the trumpeter Kenny Wheeler.

Low-key but highly sophisticated assemblies of glancing melody and graceful structure, Wheeler's tunes have long deserved such a showcase, and this set — produced by the musicians themselves, supported by the Arts Council and released on Loose Tubes's burgeoning label — was a singularly happy notion all round.

Richard Williams

Women in love

PAPERBACKS

The Life of Katherine Mansfield, by Antony Alpers (Oxford Lives series, £5.95)
George Eliot, by Jennifer Uglow (Virago Pioneers series, £4.99)

The histories of George Eliot and Katherine Mansfield *disprove that* old chestnut about suffering being necessary for the production of great art.

George Eliot's happy and fulfilled life with Lewes produced a series of complex and profound novels, while Katherine Mansfield's suffering *merely prevented* her from developing her clever, but rarely more than lightweight, short stories into something much greater.

Lack of money, particularly towards the end when she had to pay for expensive treatment for her tuberculosis, forced Mansfield to waste her energies on trivial stories for immediate sale to popular magazines instead of concentrating on her art, or Art, as she would have put it.

Alper's *Life of Katherine Mansfield* was first published in 1980, and is now reissued as part of the new Oxford Lives series. The tale he has to tell is not a very uplifting one.

Katherine's early life was a series of short affairs, an even shorter marriage, an abortion, a miscarriage. Her claim to have found "true love" with John Middleton Murry (once described as England's "best hated man of letters") had a somewhat hollow ring.

Murry's main failing was his utter selfishness — a characteristic of which Mansfield was only too aware. He once wrote her a letter, supposed to be an expression of love and contrition after she had complained of his negligence, in which he wrote so much about himself that Mansfield went through the letter underlining all the "I"s. Their frequent declarations of undying love never sound genuine. It was something they desperately wanted to believe in, but it was, rather like their constant harping on the theme of being Artists, a pose.

The latter part of Mansfield's life is an even sadder tale of disease and *loneliness — her search round Europe* for a health-giving climate, her struggle to find the strength to work, and all the time cut off from Murry because he couldn't leave England and his career as editor (his career as poet and novelist having never really got off the ground).

It is an intriguing portrait of Mansfield, but Alpers fails to make the other characters really come alive in comparison. The cast is, however, *illustrious* — but what an unsavoury lot frequented the English literary scene at that time: the petty malice and snobbery of the Bloomsbury set, Bertrand Russell's two-faced fibbing, D. H. Lawrence's mentally unbalanced venom.

It is a relief to turn to what, at this distance anyway, seems like a more admirable figure. Not that Eliot's life was entirely free from scandal; she did after all run off with someone else's husband, and after Lewes's death she had a bizarre marriage to Johnny Cross, 20 years her junior. This marriage was cut short by her death *after seven months — although it* was nearly cut a lot shorter during their honeymoon in Venice, when Cross threw himself out of their hotel window into the Grand Canal. Her liaison with Lewes was, however, based on long-lasting, mutual love.

Jennifer Uglow's book is part of the Virago Pioneers series, re-evaluations of the life and work of a wide variety of women in the light of recent feminist literary criticism and historical research. It is a sympathetic and illuminating appraisal, particularly as Eliot's writing does not fit easily into any feminist canon.

Despite having gained respect as an *intellectual and writer, recognizing* and resenting the disadvantages women suffered, she could not, for example, join her friends in supporting women's suffrage. For the most part she saw herself as an exception to, rather than an example of, what any woman could achieve.

In her novels she is often criticized for never giving her heroines the opportunities that she could see women about her grabbing all the *time, and which she herself grabbed* when she packed her bags and left Coventry to seek her literary fortune in London.

Uglow tackles the paradoxes in a fascinating study of Eliot's writing and life that should send you scuttling back to re-read her novels.

Annabel Edwards



Tales of two lives: George Eliot (left) found true love; Katherine Mansfield claimed she had, but died sick and alone

NEW PAPERBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:

FICTION

August in July, by Carlo Gébler (Penguin, £3.50) Old Polish exile in London falls apart with sadness and loneliness.

Before She Met Me, by Julian Barnes (Picador, £3.50) Historian obsessed with the shady past of his new wife.

Fanny, by Lettice Cooper (Virago, £4.50) Bright Yorkshire girl grows up emotionally and politically in Fascist Italy.

Staring At The Sun, by Julian Barnes (Picador, £3.50) Life and times, with wit and cleverness and philosophy, of clever country girl growing up into tough old age in the year 2020.

Soldiers In Hiding, by Richard Wiley (Picador, £3.50) Japanese-Americans at war on the wrong side. Sharp and funny about both nations and opposing cultures.

NON-FICTION

Kipling's English History, by Marghanita Laski (BBC, £5.95) Kipling's assorted verse on English history and life, urbanely glossed by Marghanita Laski

The Last Days of Hitler, by Hugh Trevor-Roper (Papermac, £6.95) Spectacular, scholarly account of the nightmare.

The Latest Country Houses, by John Martin Robinson (The Bodley Head, £8.95) They carried on building them after the Second World War, in spite of the general impression. Pictures and text of 200 new houses and changed style of life.

The Life of St Teresa of Ávila, by herself, translated and introduced by J.M. Cohen (Penguin Classics, £4.95).

The Translator's Art, essays in honour of Betty Radice, edited by William Radice and Barbara Reynolds (Penguin Classics, £6.95) Our star translators on their mystery and art, in honour and love for the modest, meticulous, marvellous woman who popularized the classics for our generation.

Sweet and sour

The Madwoman's Underclothes, Essays and Occasional Writings 1968-1985, by Germaine Greer (Picador £3.95)

Germaine Greer says that her published essays have alternated between frivolity and *bitter animadversions. But* which are which? Where, for instance, do we place the following statements?

"The law is not concerned with right and wrong."

"Any criminal knows that the police will manufacture *evidence that they cannot* find."

"Marijuana is basically a good habit — better than alcohol."

'Frivolous or bitter, do you suppose? If it all sounds rather like the school-playground *talk of the Seventies,* Germaine does try to seem more grown-up in her advice to feminists. They will never reorganize society, she tells them, until they have reorganized their own sex lives. In the meantime, she shows them how to cope with society as it is.



Relenting: Germaine Greer

Most doctors, she warns her readers, are not interested in women's bodies, so it is better to visit the lecherous ones who *have been struck off for being* too interested. No priests, she says, can be taken seriously, because they preach about things they have never experienced.

***Motherhood, she adds, is a* "bourgeois perversion" and monogamy is "the most incomprehensible perversion of all". Just as I was getting accustomed to this notion, I turned a few pages and found the author contradicting herself. "The most perfect love on earth," she writes, "is the wordless commitment of families, which takes as its model mother-love — father-love is also essential to survive."**

Is Dr Greer in danger of becoming mellow? She certainly relents a little in the cheerful message she gives to her feminist followers. Although brassieres, she believes, are impedimenta of women's humiliation, there is a place where these garments may be worn without shame.

"On horseback," says Dr Greer, "*even I wear a tit-bag.*"

It was worth reading the entire book for that single memorable sentence.

Kenneth Robinson

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Carved in stone

Stone carver David Kindersley has chiselled an interesting postscript to the strange tale of London Pride, the "lost" Frank Dobson sculpture found in a Selborne shed and now reinstated in bronze on London's South Bank ready for unveiling on Thursday.

Cambridge-based Kindersley, 72, one of the last surviving pupils of typographer and sculptor Eric Gill, was commissioned by the Arts Council to create the inscription on London Pride's plinth, and used a design of lettering inspired by Gill. Dobson's huge work will therefore recall a famous public argument, conducted in the 1930s between Gill and Dobson, on whether sculpting or inscribing holds more significance for mankind.

Fast phantom

Michael Crawford has not yet left the London production of *The Phantom of the Opera — but he is already talking about* coming back. He hopes to reclaim the Phantom's mask at Her Majesty's Theatre after starring for a year on Broadway in the sell-out musical. "I am very excited about Broadway," he says, "but I will be away for a year which is the longest I will have been out of the country." His final curtain call here comes on October 10.

● The National Theatre is confident that audiences at performances of *Macbeth* by Tokyo's Ninagawa Company will not need a translation from the Japanese — even though 16th-century samurai take the place of warring Scots, and Burnham Wood is covered in cherry blossom.

French leave

No unintended significance should be read into the fact that on its first trip outside the National Portrait Gallery, Bryan Organ's portrait of the Princess of Wales is hanging in a department store. It travelled to Au Printemps in Paris with pictures of other members of the Royal Family, including Organ's controversial portrait of Prince Charles, for the store's British Month.



Charles and Di, by Organ

Stratford who?

Although Joan Littlewood now spends most of her time in Paris, she still supports her beloved Theatre Royal, Stratford East, currently embroiled in legal controversy over plans to stage *Pork Pies,* the true story of a policeman who alleges corruption. Miss Littlewood, 70, keeps hearing "Stratford" mentioned on her radio with no indication of whether the speaker means East London or upon-Avon, and has penned several letters of *complaint. As she points* out: "Ours is Chaucer's Stratford, which is rather older than Shakespeare's."

Lynda Murdin

CHESS

Victor victorious

The Zagreb Interzonal, the third and last in the series of world championship qualifying events, has been won by that outstanding veteran, Victor Korchnoi. He dominated the tournament, scoring the splendid total of 11 points from a maximum of 16, a clear point ahead of his two co-qualifiers, Yasser Seirawan of the USA and Jan Ehlvest (USSR).

In contrast to the fine performances of Nigel Short, Jon Speelman and John Nunn in their Interzonals, Tony Miles failed abysmally in Zagreb, scoring a mere 6½ points and finishing 14th out of 17.

Korchnoi's play was as inventive and lively as ever, and he must certainly be one of the favourites for top honours in next year's Candidates' Tournament set for St John in Canada.

Here is a sample of his vigorous style from Zagreb.

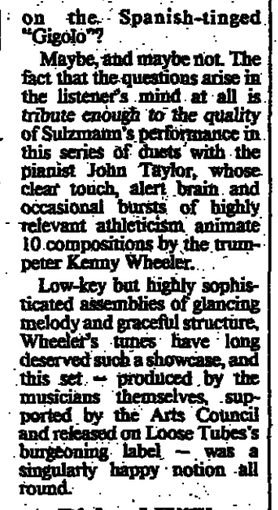
White: Korchnoi (Switzerland); Black: *Hulak* (Yugoslavia).

King's Indian Defence.

1 Nf3	Nf6	2 c4	g6
3 Nc3	Bg7	4 e4	0-0
5 Be2	d6	6 d4	e5
7 0-0	Nc6	8 d5	Ne7
9 Ne1	Nd7	10 Be3	

This move used to be frowned on by theory, since the White Queen's Bishop was held to be exposed on this square to an onrush of Black's King's side pawns.

10 ...	f5	11 f3	f4
12 Bf2	g5	13 Nb5	

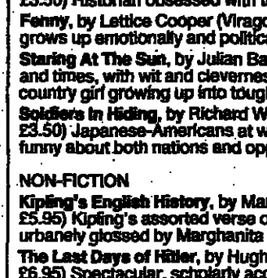


Inventive: Victor Korchnoi

An interesting concept which obliges Black to look to the defence of his "a7" pawn.

13 ...	a6	14 Na7	

White threatens Nxc8, removing one of Black's most valuable units. But surely this excursion runs the risk of stranding a White minor piece? Hulak tries to exploit this possibility by sacrificing his Rook for White's Knight in order to lure White's Queen's Bishop into a thicket.



14 ...	Rxa7	15 Rxa7	b6	
16 b4	Bg7	17 c5	dxc5	
18 Rc1!				

The tactical justification of White's play. If now 18... cxb4 19 d6! or 18 ... Qa8 19 bxc5 Nxc5 20 Rxc5! in both cases with positional advantage to White.

18 ...	Nc8	19 bxc5	Ba8	
20 c6	Nf8	21 Rxb6	Nxb6	
22 Rxa8	g4			

This demonstration does not help. Black is doomed since his Bishop on a8 is permanently incarcerated.

23 Nd3	g3	24 R3	Ne8	
25 Nc5	Qb8	26 a4	Nd6	
27 a5	Nbc8	28 Kh1	Qa7	
29 Qc2	Ne7	30 Rb1	Ng6	
31 Rfc1	Bf6	32 Bf1	Bxc6	
33 dxc6	Qxa5	34 Ra1	Qb4	
35 Ne6				

Black resigns.

Raymond Keene

BRIDGE

Rich pickings

America has undoubtedly wrested world bridge dominance from Italy, who for so many years appeared invincible. It was a virtually inevitable development, considering the great number of top-class American players available. Superficially it is difficult to understand why the Americans suffered a string of defeats in the Seventies. It was partly attributable, of course, to the brilliance of the Italian Blue Team, but also to the way that American professionals were obliged to earn their keep. "Hired guns" is how Matthew Granovetter colourfully describes them, meaning that they play for pay with moderate players who are anxious to improve their Master Point status. As training for a World Championship it is as useful as a round of clock golf before the Open, because the "hired gun" must never stray outside his partner's modest repertoire, both in the bidding and the defence.

But a few years ago a new phenomenon appeared on the American scene: the individual sponsor. He would hire a whole team to further his ambitions of winning the major events, and even the World Championship, which one sponsor succeeded in doing. It is a rich man's hobby, as he would have to pay each of his five players $25,000 and expenses — quite nice pickings for about a month's work.

The American professional has to be well paid, to compensate for the lack of job security. One famous American player had been hired by a sponsor we will call Mr X. At the end of the season he received a telephone call from Mr X's secretary which started with the hoary old line: "I have two bits of news: which would you like first, the good or the bad?"

"The bad, I guess," said the pro.

"Mr X has reluctantly decided to dispose of your services for next year."

"And the good news?" enquired the pro, manfully trying to conceal his disappointment.

"Mr X's daughter, Polly, has passed her exams with flying colours."

This year's World Championship takes place in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, where America will face a strong challenge from, among others, Brazil, Sweden and Great Britain representing Europe, and Pakistan, convincing winners of the Far Eastern Championships in Columbo.

Zia Mahmood, generally in fine form for Pakistan, had to bow the knee on this hand.

Far Eastern Championships; Pakistan v India; Love all.
Dealer South.

	♠ J 10 6 2 ♡ 5 2 ◇ 10 8 4 ♣ A Q 8 4	
♠ 8 4 3 ♡ 7 6 ◇ Q 7 3 ♣ K J 7 6 5	N W E S	♠ 5 ♡ A K Q J 8 ◇ 9 8 2 ♣ 10 9 3 2
	♠ A K Q 9 7 ♡ 10 9 4 3 ◇ A K J 5 ♣ –	

W	N	E	S
Zia	Lakhi	Masood	Sharma
–	–	–	1♣(1)
No	1♡(2)	2♡(3)	2♠
No	4♠	No	5♡(4)
No	5♣	No	No
No	–	–	–

Opening lead ♡7

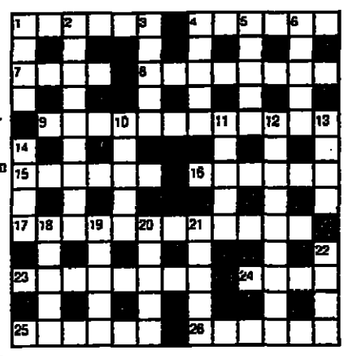
(1) Artificial, 16+
(2) Negative
(3) Weak jump
(4) Asking bid

Masood took the first two heart tricks and switched to the ◇2. Colonel Sharma won with the ◇A, ruffed a heart in dummy (Zia discarding a club), and cashed two top spades before playing his fourth heart. To Sharma's *surprise Zia ruffed.* Sharma shrewdly inferred that Zia's reluctance to part with a club or a diamond marked him with high cards in both minors. Any legitimate line is doomed, so Sharma fell back on the "unloaded gun". *Leaving the Ace of clubs in* dummy, he returned to hand with the ◇K and ran his remaining trumps. At trick eleven Zia had to discard from the ♡Q and the ♠KJ. Mistakenly he threw the ◇Q, allowing the Colonel to make *the last two tricks with the* ◇J and the ◇5.

Jeremy Flint

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1353

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, September 10. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, September 12.



ACROSS
1 Visit briefly (4,2)
4 Showy (6)
7 Opinion (4)
8 Swamp tree (8)
9 Facade poet (5,7)
15 Light two-seater carriage (6)
16 Putrid (6)
17 Door smashing beam (9,3)
23 Retort (8)
24 Nuclear reactor (4)
25 Rarely (6)
26 Wasteland (6)

DOWN
1 Volcano magma (4)
2 Excess drawing (9)
3 Poetic maiden (5)
4 *Moulds, mushrooms* (5)
5 Bow missile (5)
6 Rough hut (5)
10 Sample (5)
11 Leather strap (5)
12 Additional play period (5,4)
13 Wound fabric (4)
14 Strike breaker (4)
18 Dwelling (5)
19 Tendency (5)
20 Kingdom (5)
21 Unclothed (5)
22 Parliamentary constituency (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1352

ACROSS: 1 Bamako 4 Denver 7 Rare 8 Brushoff 9 Entente 11 Plait 12 Kaiser Wilhelm 15 Jiffy 16 Wrangle 20 Indigent 21 Knot 22 Teller 23 Dynamo

DOWN: 1 Berserk 2 Merit 3 Orbit 4 Daub 5 Violate 6 Refit 10 Needy 11 Polka 13 Infidel 14 Maestro 15 Joint 17 Rated 18 Genoa 19 Dear

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Entries for *The Times* Prize Jumbo Crossword competition, published last week, must be posted to arrive not later than Monday September 14. There are five prizes of £50 and the winners and solution will be announced on Saturday September 19.

THE WEEK AHEAD



OPERA

CIAO: Suzanne Murphy, the Irish soprano, deserts her usual Italian repertory next Wednesday to sing the role of Rosalinde in the Welsh National Opera's new production of Johann Strauss's *Die Fledermaus*. The operetta, sung in English, has a director from Berlin, Helmut Polixa, whose aim is to capture Strauss's satirical view of 19th-century Vienna. A week later Murphy will be back amid Italian coloratura in *An Evening with Adelina Patti*. WNO, Grand Theatre, Swansea (0792 475715), from Wednesday.



CONCERTS

TOP OF THE PROMS: Claudio Abbado conducts the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra next Friday in Beethoven's Symphony No 9, which is performed by immemorial tradition on the penultimate night of the Proms. The BBC Symphony Chorus and London Symphony Chorus are added, and the soloists include Karita Mattila, Alfreda Hodgson, Jerry Hadley and Robert Holl. Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212, cc 01-589 8800), Friday 7.30pm.



BOOKS

BROUGHT TO BOOK: Iris Murdoch's 23rd novel, *The Book and the Brotherhood* (published on Thursday by Chatto & Windus, £11.95) tells the story of a clique of Oxford intellectuals who have wild emotional lives. They subsidize one of the gang to write a political book that may change the world, and then come to hate his doctrine. There is wife-stealing, abortion, *Angst*, a horrifying suicide pact, and much other melodrama, but written with such wit that you ignore the silliness.



GALLERIES

SCOTCH MYTHS: John Bellany's paintings always refer directly to his state of mind. Earlier works penetrate the psychology of fisherfolk on the Firth of Forth, where he was born. In the Seventies personal troubles transformed his canvases into battlegrounds for fish and bird symbols. Lately, with improving fortunes, he has begun painting portraits with mixed results. An exhibition of Bellany's work, including this self portrait, is on show from today at Maclaurin Art Gallery, Ayr (0292 43708).



THEATRE

TAMER SHREW: Jonathan Miller, making his debut as director for the Royal Shakespeare Company with *The Taming of the Shrew* at Stratford, has indicated that the play will not be seen as a "romp or a riot, but a serious and often comic look at the Elizabethan requirements of family life. It has nothing to do with women's lib — either for or against". Brian Cox and Fiona Shaw are Petruchio and Katherina. Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623). Previews today and Monday. Opens Tuesday.



CINEMA

PRIVATE WAR: Stanley Kubrick returns after to the screen after a seven-year absence with *Full Metal Jacket* (18), a meticulously filmed Vietnam War drama made entirely in Britain. Matthew Modine holds centre stage as an irreverent private undergoing the dehumanizing process of basic training and combat. Perhaps *Platoon* has taken the edge off some of the material, but Kubrick's clinical eye for human behaviour is still second to none. Warner West End (01-439 0791), from Friday.

THEATRE

LONDON

NOW YOU SEE ME/LIKE DOLLS OR ANGELS: BP Springboard Company bring a double bill direct from the Edinburgh Fringe. Polly Teale's *Now You See Me* is a comedy about two girls growing up; *Like Dolls or Angels* by Stephen Jeffreys is about stuntmen and woman. Young Vic Studio (01-928 6363). Opens Tues.

PORK PIES: Vince Foxall's play is based on a Kent CID officer's attempts to expose police corruption. Its production, before inquiries are completed, has been condemned by police spokesmen. Theatre Royal, Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Square, London E15 (01-534 0310). Previews from Thurs. Press Night Sep 14.

SOMEWHERE OVER THE BALCONY: Charabanc Theatre Company (Belfast) in a play by Marie Jones about how violence has now become institutionalized in Northern Ireland. Drill Hall Arts Centre, 16 Chenies Street, London WC1 (01-637 8270). Opens Tues.

OUT OF TOWN

BIRMINGHAM: Funny Peculiar: Page 3 girl Linda Lusardi makes her stage debut in Mike Stott's comedy, with *Blue Peter* star Peter Duncan. Start of a national tour. Alexandra (021 643 1231). Opens Tues. Until Sep 12.

CHELTENHAM: Doctor Faustus: Oxford Stage Company begin a tour of the Marlowe play, directed by Richard Williams, with James Warwick (Faustus) and Bernard Bresslaw (Mephistopheles). Everyman (0242 572573). Opens Wed.

GLASGOW: The School for Scandal: Giles Havergal directs the Sheridan classic, the first in the new season. Citizens (041 429 0022). Until Oct 3.

LEICESTER: Summer and Smoke: Frances Barber, directed by Peter Lichtenfels, in the Tennessee Williams drama, best known from the film version with Geraldine Page. Haymarket (0533 539797). Preview Wed. Opens Thurs.

CONCERTS

TWO PIANOS: Pi-Hsien Chen and Pierre-Laurent Aimiard offer a fine selection of little-performed items, including Busoni's arrangement of Mozart's Fantasia K 608 for mechanical clock, Liszt's *Réminiscences de Don Juan*. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), today 4pm.

DESCENDING FLOCK: *A Flock Descending into the Pentagonal Garden*, by the colourful Japanese composer Toru Takemitsu, is heard from the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle. So is Mahler's Symphony No 1 "Titan". And in Mozart's great Piano Concerto K 503 the soloist is Emmanuel Ax. Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212, cc 01-589 9465), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

KENNEDY SWITCH: Nigel Kennedy moves from his accustomed violin to viola for Walton's often poignant Viola Concerto. Ravel's complete *Daphnis et Chloé* follows. André Previn conducts RPO. Royal Albert Hall, Tues, 7.30pm.

BERNSTEIN/VPO: Leonard Bernstein brings the Vienna Philharmonic to the Proms to play Mozart's Clarinet Concerto (Peter Schmidl, soloist) and Mahler's Symphony No 5. Royal Albert Hall, Thurs, 7pm.

NEW SEASON: The 1987-88 season in Wigmore Street begins with Elisabeth Söderström and Sarah Walker singing duets by Brahms, Dvorák and Rossini, songs by Robert Franz, Hugo Wolf, Debussy and Rachmaninov. Roger Vignoles accompanies. Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), Thurs, 7.30pm.

BEATRICE, BENEDICT: André Previn conducts the RPO in Berlioz's *Beatrice et Benedict* Overture, Debussy's *La Mer* and Shostakovich's Symphony No 10. Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), Fri, 7.45pm.

FILMS

OUTRAGEOUS FORTUNE (15): Two ladies, as alike as chalk and cheese, find themselves in love with the same man. Formula material, given a special sparkle by Shelley Long and Bette Midler. Directed by Arthur Hiller. Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111), from Fri.

BUSINESS AS USUAL (PG): Serious-minded British drama about sexual discrimination in a Liverpool dress shop, where Glenda Jackson is assistant manager. A first feature for writer-director Lezli-Ann Barrett; with John Thaw, Cathy Tyson. Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527), Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148), from Fri.

HELLRAISER (18): Full-blooded British horror film, written and directed by Clive Barker from his own novel about a decomposed corpse trying to eat his way back to life. With Andrew Robinson, Clare Higgins, and gore galore. Cannon Prince Charles (01-437 8181), from Fri.

LES ANGES DU PECHE (PG): Revival of Robert Bresson's first feature, made in 1943; a strange story of two women, a criminal and a nun, written by Jean Giraudoux. With Renée Faure, Jany Holt. Everyman, Hampstead (01-435 1525), from Fri.

JAZZ

RAY BARRETTO: The most distinguished of all salsa percussionists invariably leads an incendiary band. *Town and Country Club*, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334), cc 01-734 8932). Tomorrow.

ITCHY FINGERS: Ingenious saxophone quartet top the bill of a free al fresco concert. Clapham Common bandstand, London SW4 (information: 01-622 6655). Tomorrow, 2pm-7pm.

NEW YORK JAZZ: Interesting quintet featuring the young Scottish saxophonist Tommy Smith, now in regular employment with Gary Burton. *Bell Inn, Codicote, Herts* (0438 820278), tomorrow. Bull's Head, 373 Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241), Mon. South Hill Park Arts Centre, Bracknell, Berks (0344 484123), Tues.

BILLY ECKSTINE: Harlem heart-throb of the Forties, inventor of the billowing "Mr B" shirt collar and possessor of a superbly burnished baritone. Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747). Mon to Sat.

ROCK

PETER CASE: The American singer/songwriter performs his distinctive brand of mid-western folk/blues. Tonight and tomorrow, Mean Fiddler, NW10 (01-961 5490).

SPORT AID '88: Curiosity Killed The Cat, Wet Wet Wet, Pepsi & Shirlie, Erasure, Labi Siffre and many more in a big charity event to mark the launch of a year's activities for children in need. Tomorrow from 3pm, Queens Park Rangers, Loftus Road, London W12 (01-622 0900).

THE JESUS AND MARY CHAIN: Start of a tour for the dour Velvet Underground-styled *arrivistes*. Mon, *Guildhall, Portsmouth* (0705 824255); Tues, Rock City, Nottingham (0602 412544); Wed, Mayfair Suite, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (091 232 3109); Fri, Barrowlands, Glasgow (041 552 4601).

MATHILDE SANTING: Dutch chanteuse with a cool jazzy range. Thurs, Fri and Sat (12th), Bloomsbury Theatre, London WC1 (01-387 9629).

OPERA

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: First night of Stephen Sondheim's *Pacific Overtures*, receiving its London premiere, is on Thurs (also Fri and next Sat) at 7.30pm: there is one reduced price preview left on Tues, also at 7.30pm. Meanwhile, ENO's revival of *Salome* is performed tonight and Wed at 8pm with Josephine Barstow in the title role and Mark Elder conducting. *Coliseum*, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: Opening night of the new season and a new production of *Die Fledermaus* with Berlin-based theatre director Helmut Polixa making his British operatic debut. Grand Theatre, Singleton Street, Swansea (0792 475715).

RADIO



● **After 40 years in the successive charge of Richard Dimbleby, Franklin Engelmann and Brian Johnston, the indestructible *Down Your Way* is dispensing with a resident presenter. The job goes instead to guest celebrities like *EastEnders* actor Tom Watt (above), who opens the new series with programmes from Manchester and Colwyn Bay. *Radio 4 LW*, tomorrow, 5-5.50pm.**

THE VOICES OF THE POET: Centenary portrait of Dame Edith Sitwell, poet and eccentric, presented by Victoria Glendinning with help of archive recordings. Radio 4, tomorrow, 3.30-4pm.

THE MAGIC BATHROOM: New play by James Saunders about a manic-depressive (Michael Tudor Barnes) who retreats from life's problems by locking himself in his bathroom. Radio 3, Tues, 9.25-10.10pm.

DISCOVERING BROOKLANDS: John Burrows tells the history of the famous pre-war motor racing circuit with the help of drivers George Harvey-Noble and Kay Petre. Radio 4, Fri, 11-11.47am.

TELEVISION

ME! I'M AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF: Neville Smith as the unhappy polytechnic lecturer in the first of a season of repeated Alan Bennett plays. *Channel 4, tomorrow*, 9.15-10.30pm.

DR WHO: Back for yet another season and more camped up than ever, with Sylvester McCoy taking over the title role, Kate O'Mara as the villainess and guest stars from Richard Briers to Ken Dodd. BBC1, Mon, 7.35-8pm.

SCOUT: Play by Frank McGuinness based on the career of Bob Bishop, the Northern Ireland scout who discovered George Best. With Ray McAnally and Stephen Rea. BBC2, Tues, 9.30-10.30pm.

ACTING: Simon Callow conducts a masterclass on Restoration comedy. His main example is Sir John Vanburgh's play *The Relapse*. BBC2, Fri, 9.30-10.30pm.

DANCE

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: Three weeks in the Big Top at Maidstone start the new season. This week's programme opening Tuesday is *Swan Lake* with Marion Tait, Miyako Yoshida and Leanne Benjamin taking turns in the ballerina role. The Big Top, Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent (0622-35203), Tues-Sept 26.

GABY AGIS: A new work for her company, with music by David Sylvian and sculpture by Kate Blacker. *Almeida Theatre, London* N1 (01-359 4404), Tues to September 13.

SCOTTISH BALLET: Split into two equal groups to visit smaller towns. The Highlands tour continues to Fort William, Inverurie, Aboyne, Elgin and Stranraer. The Lowlands Group visits Falkirk and Alloa. Both give *Les Sylphides* and modern works by Peter Darrell and others. Details from Scottish Ballet publicity office (041-331 2931).

INDIAN SUMMER: Varied programmes of dance in many styles from the Indian Sub-Continent at The Place (01-387 0031) each night, and tonight only at Riverside Studios (01-748 3354).

PHOTOGRAPHY

GEORGE RODGER: The remarkable career of the veteran Magnum photographer, George Rodger, spans 50 years. He is best known for his African pictures, but there are many other sensitive pictures on show here, including many taken during the Blitz, and when he worked as a war photographer. The Photographers Gallery, 5 and 8 Great Newport St, London WC2 (01-831 1772). From September 11.

PAUL TREVOR: "Constant Exposure", conceptual photography exploring television as a powerful influence in our society. Stills Gallery, 105 High Street, Edinburgh (031 557 1140). From Sept 11.

FILMS ON TV

I'M ALRIGHT JACK (1959): A BBC Peter Sellers season starts with one of his richest comic performances, as the communist shop steward in a Boulting Brothers lampoon on industrial relations. *BBC1, tomorrow*, 3-4.40pm.

ROMANCING THE STONE (1984): First television showing for Robert Zemeckis's hit film with Kathleen Turner as the romantic novelist whose *fantasies come true in the* Colombian jungle. ITV, Thurs, 8-10pm.



● **Obsessed by his own ugliness, Charles Laughton found playing the ultimate monster, Quasimodo, a form of personal catharsis. That, at least, is one *explanation of his extraordinary performance*, at the same time terrifying and deeply moving, in the 1939 version of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. The sets, designed by Van Nest Polglase, are nearly as stunning. BBC2, today, 10.15pm-12.15am.**

GALLERIES

MALCOLM DRUMMOND (1880-1945): A rare chance to view paintings and drawings by a low profile founder-member of the Camden Town Group of artists. Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter (0392-265858). From Wed.

KENNETH AND MARY MARTIN: Opportunity to reappraise the achievement in various media of the constructivist artists. *Annely Juda Fine Art*, London W1 (01-637 5517). From Fri.

JAMES McINTOSH PATRICK: An 80th birthday tribute to a popular Scottish landscape painter and character. Aberdeen Art Gallery (0224 646333). From today.

MOSCOW — A PRIVATE VIEW: A rare opportunity to view recent paintings by Russian artists. Warwick Arts Trust, London SW1 (01-834 7856). From Wed.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

RSC AT THE BARBICAN: Booking opens today for all performances from Oct 8, including opening performances of *The Winter's Tale* from Stratford; also *The Balcony, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Deathwatch/The Maids, The Art of Success* and *The Blacks*. Barbican, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

LONDON MOZART PLAYERS: 87/88 season includes Music of Two Decades, featuring contemporary works in context of works written 200 years earlier; plus discussions with the featured composer. Oct-July 1988. Subscriptions from Haydn-Mozart Society, London *Mozart Players*, 12 Tiverton Rd, London NW10 3HL (01-960 1553). Individual concert booking from Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191).

LAST CHANCE

CHILD'S PLAY: Exhibition of songs, rhymes, street games and puppet shows with playthings lent by Royal Family, politicians and foreign statesmen. Organized by the Scottish Save the Children Fund. Ends today. City Art Centre, 2 Market St, Edinburgh (031 225 2424).

Theatre: Tony Patrick; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Richard Williams; Dance: John Percival; Television, Radio and Films on TV: Peter Waymark; Galleries: David Lee; Photography: Mike Young; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

Paul Lovelace



The Wilde bunch: (from left) Natalie Ogle, Denis Lawson, Clive Francis and Gabrielle Drake ready for earnest endeavours

Tempting fare for Royalty

A revival of *The Importance of Being Earnest* is always good news. The bonus this time is that it announces the re-opening of the Royalty Theatre, one of two London theatres (the other being the Playhouse in Northumberland Avenue) returning to the fold this autumn after many years in other hands.

The Royalty stands near the junction of Kingsway and the Aldwych, on part of the site once occupied by the vast Stoll Theatre. The Lunts were the first to play there, in 1960, after which it became a cinema, a fate many people suspected had been planned from the beginning, presumably because its seats are unusually comfortable for a theatre, and the sightlines perfect. It soon became a theatre again, most recently providing the stage where Eamonn Andrews brought *This is Your Life* victims face to face with their past.

Its return to the land of the living theatre is the achievement of the Royalty Theatre Company, another newly-formed production management, but one that looks as if it may have worked out the details needed for fruitful survival. The repertory is to be revivals of late 19th-century and 20th-century plays, running for a maximum of six weeks. Transfers are not ruled out, but the brevity of the run is designed to lure top actors and actresses into using a gap in their film and television commitments to play leading roles in Shaw, Shaffer, Anouilh, Ustinov, Coward, Pinero and the like.

These are tempting dishes, without a doubt, for both actors and audiences. Dame Wendy Hiller is playing Lady Bracknell in *The Importance* with Clive Francis and Denis Lawson. Donald Sinden directs it — "the cast is quite, quite superb". And booking was discovered to be heavy for the second production, Graham Greene's *The Living Room*, even before the cast was announced (it includes Judy Campbell, Dulcie Gray and Paul Daneman).

The talents on the management side are also impressive. Chairman Michael S. Stoddart is chairman of Next and a former chairman of Goldcrest. Ashley Herman founded Applause, the company that supplies tour operators with up to 6,000 tickets a week, and Martin Tickner for many years produced the chunky *Playbill* that provided a good read in the theatre, even if you disliked the play.

Wilde and Greene take care of the next 12 weeks. The theatre then has a prior commitment to a Christmas season of *Winnie The Pooh*, but in the New Year, the company embarks on its first full season, fortunate in being able to draw on the large pool of leading actors and directors who have indicated a readiness to take part. The most intriguing names are Vincent Price and Coral Browne. Somewhere in the past hundred years there must be a play with two parts stirring enough to bring this formidable husband and wife team to the London stage.

Jeremy Kingston

The Importance of Being Earnest is at the Royalty Theatre, Portugal Street, off Kingsway, WC2 (01-831 0660). Previews from Monday, first night Friday.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SATURDAY

BBC1 WALES 5.30pm-5.35 Sports News Wales (within Grandstand) NORTHERN IRELAND 4.55-5.05pm Northern Ireland Results (within Grandstand) 5.30-5.35 Inside Ulster Newsline (within Grandstand) 1.30-1.35am Northern Ireland News ENGLAND 5.30-5.35pm South and East (London) — Preview of autumn comedy. South and West (Plymouth) — Spotlight News and Sport. All other English regions — Regional News and Sport.

ANGLIA As Scottish except-t11.30am The Fall Guy 12.30pm-1.00 ALF 5.05-5.35 Name That Tune 12.00am Gloria Hunniford Talks to Joan Collins 12.30 Worlds Beyond

BORDER As Scottish except-t11.30am-1.00 Survival 12.00am Gloria Hunniford Talks to Joan Collins 12.30 Border weather, closedown.

CENTRAL As Scottish except-t6.10am-6.55 Jobfinder 11.00 Film: Mysterious Island 12.50-1.00pm Porky Pig 12.00am Gloria Hunniford meets Joan Collins 12.30am Prisoner Cell Block H 1.25 Film. Women in Love 3.50 Central News, followed by Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As Scottish except-t11.30-12.30pm Knight Rider 12.30-1.00 Today's Weather 12.00-1.00am T J Hooker 4.00 News, followed by Company. Closedown.

GRANADA As Scottish except-t11.00am America's Top Ten 11.30-1.00pm Film: Operation Bullshine 12.00 Gloria Hunniford meets Joan Collins 12.30 Film: 10 Rillington Place 2.25 America's Top Ten 2.55 Close

HTV WEST As Scottish except-t11.30am Knight Rider 12.00pm ALF 12.30-1.00 Starving... The Actors 11.30 Club Rugby 12.15am The World Athletics Championships 12.45 HTV Weather and Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except-t11.30-12.15am Club Rugby.

LONDON As Scottish except-t11.30am Punky Brewster 12.00-1.00pm The Fall Guy 5.05-5.35 Blockbusters 12.00 Hunter 1.00 Night Network 4.00 Film: The Trail Beyond" 5.00 Baseball '87 6.00 Close

TSW As Scottish except-t10.27am-11.00 Gus Honeybun 11.30-1.00pm Film: Never Never Land 2.15 Fisheries News 2.30 The Fall Guy 3.25-3.45 Walt Disney Presents 5.05 Newsport 5.10 The Smurfs 5.40 Gus Honeybun 5.45-6.30 Champion Blockbusters 12.00am Gloria Hunniford talks to Joan Collins 12.30 Postscript 12.35 South West Weather, Closedown.

TVS As Scottish except-t11.30am Knight Rider 12.30pm-1.00 Survival of the Fittest 12.00-1.00am T J Hooker 4.00 Company. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As Scottish except-t1.30am-1.00pm The Little Prince 12.00am Sunday Sunday 12.30 Epilogue 12.40 Closedown.

ULSTER As Scottish except-t11.30am Film. You Know What Sailors Are 12.50pm-1.00 Cartoons 1.03-1.05 Lunchtime News 5.03-5.05 Ulster News 9.03-9.05 Ulster News and Weather 12.00 Gloria Hunniford Talks to Joan Collins 12.25am News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As Scottish except-t11.30am-1.00 Film: Adventures of Pinocchio 12.00 Gloria Hunniford meets Joan Collins 12.30am Film: Deadfall 2.40 Jobfinder 3.40 Close

S4C Starts:10.00am What The Papers Say 10.15 Valued Opinion 10.30 A Full Life 11.00 The Mississippi 12.00pm Sea War" 12.30 Scotland's Story 1.00 Film: The Green Years" 3.30 Racing from Kempton Park 5.00 Fat Man Goes Norse 6.00 Right to Reply 6.30 All Muck and Magic? 7.00 The Dragon has Two Tongues 7.30 Newyddion 7.50 Treialon Cwn Defaid 8.15 Straeon Yr Henllys Fawr 9.10 Y Mass Chwarae 10.00 Reslo 10.30 The Best of Paul Hogan 11.00 Australian Rules Football 12.00 Film: The Day The Bubble Burst 2.45 Close.

SUNDAY

BBC1 WALES 12.25-12.55pm Farming in Wales 12.55-1.00am News of Wales Headlines NORTHERN IRELAND 10.50-11.30pm Hurling (All-Ireland Final: Galway v Kilkenny) 11.30 Heart of the Matter 12.05am Network East 12.45 Italian Grand Prix 1.15-1.20 Northern Ireland News Headlines.

ANGLIA As Scottish except-9.25-9.35 No 73 followed by Cartoon Time 1.00pm Link 1.15 Ice 1.25 Weather Trends 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary

BORDER As Scottish except-9.25-9.35 Cartoon 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.30 Border News 1.35 Cartoon Time 1.45-2.00 Link 12.30am Border Weather, Closedown.

CENTRAL As Scottish except-t8.10am-8.55 Jobfinder 9.25-9.35 Cartoon 1.00pm Central Post 1.10-1.15 Central News 1.30-2.00 Here and Now 12.30am Prisoner Cell Block H 1.25 Donahue 2.25 The Movie Makers: Masters of Horror 3.05 Central News followed by Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As Scottish except-9.25am Today's Weather 9.26 Starting Point 9.30 Felix the Cat 1.00pm-1.15 Les Français Chez-Vous 1.30-2.00 Struggle Beneath the Sea 3.00am News followed by Company, Closedown.

GRANADA As Scottish except-9.25am-9.30 Cartoon 1.00pm Members Only 1.05 This is Your Right 1.35 Asip Kas Hak 1.40-2.00 Link 2.30-4.00 Film: Paratrooper 12.30am Close

HTV WEST As Scottish except-1.00pm HTV News 1.05 West Country Farming followed by Weather for Farmers 1.25 Cartoon Time 1.45-1.00 Link 12.15am HTV Weather, Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except-No variations.

LONDON As Scottish except-t9.25am-9.35 Wake Up London 11.00-12.00 Morning Worship 1.00pm-1.15 News followed by Police Five 1.30 Care Bears 2.00 The Human Factor 2.30-4.00 Film: The Disappearance of Flight 412 12.30am Mary 1.00 Night Network 3.00 Film: The Star Packer 4.00 Hawaii Five-O 5.00 Baseball '87 6.00 Close

TSW As Scottish except-t9.25am-9.35 Look and See 1.00pm The South West Week 1.30 Farming News 1.45-2.00 Link 12.30am Postscript Postbag 12.35 South West Weather, Closedown.

TVS As Scottish except-1.15pm Action! 1.30-2.00 Struggle Beneath the Sea 3.00am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As Scottish except-9.25am-9.30 Hello Sunday 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.30 The Smurfs 1.45-2.00 Link 5.15-6.00 Northern Life Sunday Edition 12.30am Epilogue, Closedown.

ULSTER As Scottish except-1.00pm-1.15 Cartoon Time 1.30 Personal View 1.50-2.00 Farming Weather 7.10-7.15 Ulster News 12.25am Sports Results 12.30 News.

YORKSHIRE As Scottish except-9.25am-9.30 Cartoon Time 1.00pm-1.15 The Smurfs 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary and weather 3.50-4.00 Cartoon Time 5.40 News 5.50-7.15 World Championship Athletics 12.30am Five Minutes 12.35 Jobfinder 1.35 Close

S4C Starts:10.00am No Easy Walk 11.00 The Waltons 12.00 Network 2.00 Equinox 3.05 Hurling 5.15 Business Exchange 6.00 Film: The Bank Dick 7.30 Newyddion 7.30 Geryf 8.00 Darllithoedd y Parchn 8.30 Cadw'r Oed 9.00 Yng Nghysgod y Cryman 9.50 The Engagement 10.40 Film: Ivy" 12.30am Close

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SATURDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO SUNDAY

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

● Big Clive looks positively svelt next to the likes of Bubba Paris and Russ Francis in **Clive James and the Heroes of San Francisco** (on ITV, 10.30 pm), a busker's guide to American football. James's vast armchair enthusiasm is severely tested by his first actual game, and thereafter its intricacies take a backseat to Clive in the gym, Clive chatting up cheer-leaders and fans, and even Clive flying a plane. Perhaps the proximity of so many giants put him off his stroke, because the usually irreverent Clive is mostly reduced to poking fun at himself. It ought to be said, however, that the game's tactics appear impenetrable, even

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when explained at walking pace – the language being one of military mumbo-jumbo. Bubba Paris is, however, clear enough when he says: "American football gives me an opportunity to ventilate my frustrations. You can knock (a man) down, put your foot in his chest, and do anything to him, and it's all perfectly legal." And God, it seems, is on his side. The sole function of the team's live-in preacher would appear to be to translate the Bible into sporting metaphors.

Chris Petit



Clive James with San Francisco football stars Russ Francis (left) and Randy Cross (on ITV, 10.30pm)



Holly Aird and Denholm Elliott play British expatriates in Kenya in The Happy Valley (BBC1, 9.05pm)

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● In Kenya 1941, the dissolute Lord Errol, a compulsive womaniser, was murdered, and an aggrieved husband, Sir Delves Broughton, stood trial and was acquitted. The case exposed expatriot cads and fast women who freely mixed drugs, adultery, booze, degeneracy. All this was explained thoroughly by James Fox in his book *White Mischief* (soon, as they say, to be a major film). **The Happy Valley** (BBC 1, 9.05 pm.), is a BBC version of events, situated firmly on the periphery, in the form of an anecdote about 15-year-old Juanita Carberry, a recalcitrant schoolgirl, to whom Broughton apparently confessed. The gist is clear – childish and bad grown-up behaviour contrasted with adolescent *sombreness. But without* proper context or sustained tone, events seem melodramatic, sometimes absurdly so. Outdoors, it can be enjoyed as colonial travelogue. Indoors, rent-a-party scenes of frantic necking do not convince as decadence, and the cast makes a hash of being upper-class. Lavish it is, mostly because of the locations. It looks a hybrid of *Tender Is The Night* and *Out of Africa.*

C.P.

BBC1

6.45 Open University.
8.30 The Family Ness (r). **8.35** Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds (r) **9.00** It's Wicked! includes guests Level 42. **10.12** Weather.
10.15 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **10.15, 1.25, 2.20** and **2.50** Cricket: the NatWest Bank Trophy Final between Northants and Notts at Lord's; **12.45, 3.00** and **3.50** Athletics: the World Championships in Rome; **1.00** News; **1.05** Football Focus; **2.10, 2.40** and **3.40** Racing from Haydock; **3.00** Eventing: the European Three-Day Championships from Luhmühlen. Includes news and weather at approximately **5.20** and, in London and SE only at **5.30**, a preview of the autumn comedy series.
6.50 Bob's Full House. The first of a new series of the bingo quiz show. (Ceefax)
7.25 Bergerac. The Jersey detective becomes enmeshed in a case concerning corruption, madness and death when a psychic and medium arrives on the island and unearths a 20-year-old mystery about the death of a 12-year-old girl. (r). (Ceefax)
8.55 News, sport, weather.
9.10 Film: Risky Business (1983) starring Tom Cruise and Rebecca De Mornay. A comedy about Joel, the "perfect" 17-year-old son of wealthy parents who is left in charge of the family home and sports car while his parents are on holiday. A joker sends a prostitute to the house who is soon joined by another who wants to escape her pimp. Directed by Paul Brickman. (Ceefax)
10.45 Monty Python's Flying Circus (r).
11.15 World Athletics Championships - Rome 87. Highlights.
12.05 Film: Up the Front (1972) starring Frankie Howerd, Hermione Baddeley and Zsa Zsa Gabor. Comedy about a cowardly First World War private with an important tattoo on a private place who becomes the target of the notorious Mata Hari. Directed by Bob Kellett.
1.30 Weather.

BBC2

6.50 Open University.
2.15 Network East. Magazine programme about Asian affairs presented by Samantha Meah and Valerie Vaz. This week's edition includes reports on Renuka Lakhani who sought sanctuary in a Leicester temple in order to avoid deportation; on the veteran actress Zohra Segal who is returning to her native India after a successful career in Britain; and from Jasmin Archer on racism in Coventry.
2.55 Cricket. Tony Lewis introduces coverage of the NatWest Bank Trophy Final between Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire. The commentators at Lord's are Richie Benaud and Ray Illingworth with summaries by Ted Dexter and Jack Bannister.
7.30 NewsView. Today's news and sport and a summary of the week's news in pictures with subtitles. Weather.
8.10 The Amadeus Quartet: A Tribute. Three weeks ago, a few months before its 40th anniversary, one of the world's leading string quartets decided to disband following the death of one of its founder members, the distinguished viola player Peter Schidlof. This tribute begins with a repeat of the last major interview they gave, to Bernard Levin in 1981, followed by a complete performance of one of the masterpieces of the classical quartet repertoire, Mozart's *The Dissonance.*
9.25 Cricket. Highlights of today's NatWest Bank Trophy Finial between Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire at Lord's, introduced by Tony Lewis.
10.15 Film: The Hunchback of Notre Dame (1939, b/w) starring Charles Laughton and Maureen O'Hara. Classic version of Victor Hugo's novel about Quasimodo, the grotesquely deformed bellringer of Paris's Notre Dame Cathedral, who falls in love with a beautiful gypsy dancer, Esmeralda. Directed by William Dieterle. (Ceefax) Ends at **12.15.**

ITV/LONDON

6.55 TV-am. Weather at **6.58** and news at **7.00.**
7.30 The Wide Awake Club
9.25 No 73. A new series of the children's programme **11.00** The Roxy. (r). **11.30** Punky Brewster. Comedy series **12.00** The Fall Guy. Adventures of a stunt man.
1.00 News with Trevor McDonald.
1.05 Saint & Greavsie. **1.30** Wrestling from the Royal Spa Pavilion, Bridlington.
2.15 Film: Gordon, the Black Pirate (1983) starring Ricardo Montalban and Vincent Price. Adventure yarn about a former slave, now a pirate, who wages war against slave traders. Directed by Mario Costa.
3.45 The World Athletics Championships. The eighth day of competition in Rome.
4.45 Results Service.
5.00 News **5.05** Blockbusters
5.35 The A-Team. In this first of a new series the redoubtable quartet rescue American agents caught up in a Central American state's civil war.
6.30 Blind Date. A new series of the boy meets girl show. (Oracle)
7.15 Beadle's About. Members of the public are made fools of with the help of Jeremy Beadle.
7.45 3-2-1. Family game show presented by Ted Rogers. (Oracle)
8.45 News and sport.
9.05 Film: The Deadly Dream (1971) starring Lloyd Bridges and Janet Leigh. Thriller about a genetic scientist who is on the verge of a scientific breakthrough and a nervous breakdown. Directed by Alf Kjellin. (Oracle) Followed by LWT News.
10.30 Clive James and the Heroes of San Francisco. (see Choice)
11.30 The World Athletics Championships.
12.00 Hunter. The policeman is on the trail of a murderer who always warns his victims.
1.00 Night Network. Includes music, interviews and a review of the week's film releases.
4.00 Film: The Trail Beyond (1934, b/w) starring John Wayne as a cowboy looking for a girl and a goldmine. Directed by Robert North Bradbury.
5.00 Baseball '87. Boston Red Sox v California Angels. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Listening Eye. (r). **10.00** The Home Service (r). **10.30** Scotland's Story (r). **11.00** Bones. A profile of Texan eccentric, John Henry Nobles **11.30** Dancin' Days (r). **12.25** Sea War (b/w) (r) **12.55** Murun Buchstansangur.
1.00 Film: One-Way Pendulum (1964, b/w) starring Eric Sykes and George Cole. Surreal comedy about a strange suburban family led by the father who builds a replica of the Old Bailey in his living room and tries his son for murder. Directed by Peter Yates.
2.35 Film: Paris 1900 (1945/6, b/w) A documentary using archive film and fiction films to recreate Paris at the turn of the century. Directed by Nicole Verdres.
3.30 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park. The **3.35, 4.10** and **4.40** races.
5.05 Brookside (r). (Oracle)
6.00 Right to Reply. C4's *serials are failing their* black people say critics. Peter Ansorge, C4's commissioning editor for drama series and serials, defends.
6.30 Ourselves and Other Animals. Lee and Gerald Durrell's series on how animals communicate.
7.00 News summary and weather followed by Beyond Belief. Anthony Clare talks to Johan Heyns, the moderator of the Dutch Reform Church in South Africa (r).
7.30 No Easy Walk. Kenya is the subject of the second in the series on the struggle for independence of three African countries.
8.30 Japan. The first of a four-part series on Japan
9.30 Inochi. Drama serial about a woman doctor in a Japanese country village.
10.00 St Elsewhere. Westphall takes a risk by hiding his illegal alien housekeeper.
10.55 4 Minutes: A Modest Success. (r).
11.00 Australian Rules Football.
12.00 Film: The Day the Bubble Burst (1982) starring Richard Crenna. A made-for-television drama about the events leading to the 1929 Wall Street Crash. Directed by Joseph Hardy. Ends at **2.45.**

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour until **12.30** pm, then at **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight **5.00** am Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00** pm Adrian Juste **2.00** The Stereo Sequence. Including **2.00** My Top Ten (Smokey Robinson) **4.00-5.00** New American Chart Show **6.30-7.30** In Concert (Robert Cray and Trouble Funk) **7.30** Simon Mayo **9.30-12.00** Dixie Peach. **VHF** Stereo and Radios 1 and 2: **4.00** am As Radio 2 **1.00** pm As Radio 1 **7.30-4.00** am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF News on the hour until **1.00** pm, then at **3.00, 6.00, 7.00** and hourly from **10.00**. Cricket Scoreboard **7.30** pm **4.00** am David Bussey **6.00** Steve Truelove **8.05** David Jacobs **10.00** Sounds of the 60's **11.00** Album Time **1.00** pm Ken Dodd's Palace of Laughter **1.30** Sport on 2. Includes Cricket (Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire) and Racing (from Haydock Park. **5.00** Sports Report. Classified Results **6.30** That's Showbusiness **7.00** ABC Quiz **7.30** From Jersey with Love. BBC Concert Orchestra, with Vince Hill and Mary Carewe **9.15** 135th British Open Brass Band Championship **10.05** Martin Kelner **12.05am** Going Dutch (including George Fame and Sandra King, with Metropole Orchestra) **1.00** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

Times in GMT. Add an hour for BST
6.00am Newsdesk **6.30** Meridian **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** From The Weeklies **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** A Jolly Good Show **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News **9.45** Society Today **10.00** News **10.01** Here's Humphit **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Jazz Guitarists' **11.30** Meridian **12.00pm** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 3 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** Sportsworld **1.45** Saturday Special **2.00** Outlook **2.01** Saturday Special **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Saturday Special **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Sor **5.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Live Relay: 93rd Season of Henry Wood Promenade Concerts **7.30** News **7.35** Wavequide **7.45** Short Story **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours **8.30** Jazz for the Asking **9.00** News **9.01** Sportsworld **9.15** Music for a While **9.30** People and Politics **10.00** News **10.09** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** New Ideas **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Nature Notebook **11.30** Anything Goes **12.00am** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Talking About Music **1.00** News **1.01** Play of the Week: The Company Forgives a Moment of Madness **2.00** News **2.09** Review of British Press **2.15** Sportsworld **2.30** Album Time **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** From Our Own Correspondent **3.30** Six Four Eight **3.35** Financial News **3.45** Morgenmagazin **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Twenty-Four Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

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Radio 3

N.B. All programmes (except Open University) on VHF and MW. Cricket (NatWest Bank Trophy final: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire, at Lord's) on medium wave only, *from* **10.25am** *to* **7.00pm.** Includes Cricket Forum, at **12.50pm** and News at **12.56**
6.35 Open University (VHF only): Open Forum
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: German (Three Henry VIII Dances: Pro Arte Orchestra), Rachmaninov (Six Morceaux, Op 11: Thorson and Thurber, pianos), Massenet (Le Cid: CBSO under Louis Frémaux). **8.00** World Service News
8.10 Concert (contd.): Vaughan Williams (Three Portraits: The England of Elizabeth: LSO), Toye (Haunted Ballroom: New Philharmonic), Glazunov (Oriental Rhapsody: Moscow SO under Dudarova)
9.00 Record Review: First programme in a new series. With Paul Vaughan. Includes Michael Kennedy's guide to recordings of Strauss's Don Quixote. And George Pratt on new baroque releases
10.15 Stereo Release: Schein (Suite No 7: His Majesties Sagbutts), Schütz (Fili mi Absalon), Telemann (Concerto in D minor: Musica Antiqua Cologne), Vivaldi (Salve Regina: King's Consort and James Bowman), Telemann (*Concerto in E minor*)
11.15 Edinburgh International Festival 87: Swedish Radio SO under Esa-Pekka Salonen, with Viktoria Mullova, violin. Brahms (Violin Concerto), Schoenberg (Pelleas und Melisande, Op 5). Interval reading at **12.00**. News at **1.00**
1.05 Piano recital: Dang Thai Son plays Chopin's Preludes Op 28; and Mozart's Rondo in A minor, K 511
2.00 Maria Callas: the soprano in Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor, conducted by Tullio Serafin. Cast also includes Cappuccilli and Tagliavini. With interval reading at **2.40**. Acts two and three begin at **2.45**
4.05 Haydn and Dohnanyi: Alberni String Quartet, with Gordon Back (piano). Haydn (Quartet in E flat Op 33 No 2), and Dohnanyi's Piano Quintet Op 1
5.00 Jazz Record Requests: with Peter Clayton
5.45 Critics' Forum: with Christopher Cook in the chair. Topics include Bill Douglas's film Comrades, and the National Theatre production of The Wandering Jew
6.35 Zelenka: Camerata Bern play the Sinfonia Concertante in A minor
7.00 Proms 87: from Royal Albert Hall, London. BBC SO under David Atherton. With Colin Carr (cello). Part one. Blomdahl (Sisyphos), Elgar (Cello Concerto). In the interval (**7.50**), *New Yorker* staff writer Anthony Bailey talks about some of the books on his shelves at home
8.10 Proms 87: part two. Holst (ballet music, The Perfect Fool), Sibelius (Symphony No 5)
9.05 21st Century Blossoms: Professor Colin Blakemore considers Japan's scientific research. First of two programmes
10.00 Proms 87: Elizabeth and Jacobean music performed by Robert Tear (tenor), with the Julian Bream Consort. From St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, London. Includes works by Allison, Dowland, Holborne, Morley and Phillips
11.00 Debussy: Gordon Fergus-Thompson plays the Preludes, Book 1
11.57 News
12.00 Closedown

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing: Weather **6.10** Farming Week **6.50** Prayer **6.55** Weather
7.00 Today: Incl **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25** Sport **7.30, 8.30** News **7.40, 8.47** Today's Papers **7.45** In Perspective **7.55, 8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway: (the Gathering of the Braemar Royal Highland Social)
10.00 News; Loose Ends: with Ned Sherrin
11.00 News; Conference Special: Peter Riddell, political editor of the Financial Times, on the SDP Conference
11.27 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; My Help: (new series) Cliff Morgan talks to Jane Glover, musician/conductor
12.25 Radio Active: The award-winning comedy sketch series which parodies local radio. With special guest John Peel **12.56** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions?: new chairman Jonathan Dimbleby with guests Norman Tebbit, Roy Hattersley, Des Wilson and Lady Antonia Fraser. From Newbury, Berkshire (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Second Edition: Gillian Reynolds and guests discuss Radio 4 magazine programmes
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: The Glass Extension by Jennifer Phillips. With Nicola Pagett and Douglas Hodge. Mother and son plan a theft (r) (s)
4.15 Fine Arts Brass: One of the country's leading chamber ensembles display the lighter side of their repertoire
4.30 Science Now: Georgina Ferry presents a review of discoveries
5.00 The Living World: Jeremy Cherfas reports from the International Ethology Conference in Wisconsin University, USA
5.25 Delve Special: David Lander goes into factory farming in another of his spoof investigative reports (r) **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News; Incl Sports Round-Up
6.25 In the Psychiatrist's Chair: Dr Anthony Clare talks to the Bishop of London, the Rt Rev Graham Leonard (r)
7.00 Saturday-Night Theatre: A Memory Longer than Death, by John Naismith. Crime yarn, with Tony Osoba and Lee Montague in the cast (s)
8.15 Take the Wheel: Driving instructors talk about their experiences on the road
8.30 Baker's Dozen: Richard Baker presents a sequence of words and music
9.30 Thriller! A Fatal Inversion by Ruth Rendell (Part 11 of 14)
9.50 Ten to Ten: A reading, a hymn and reflection led by Richard Harries **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Village: The people of Castle Carrock in Cumbria help David Bean to put together a picture of life in their village (3)
10.30 The Wordsmiths of Gorsemere: An Everyday Story of Towering Genius by Sue Limb (First episode) (r)
11.00 Even Looser Ends: Repeat broadcast of this morning's Loose Ends
12.00 News; Weather **VHF** as above except: **4.30-6.00** pm Options **4.30** Community Matters (new Series) **5.00** More than You Can Manage (2 of 5) **5.30** Talking of Languages

BBC1

6.45 Open University.
8.55 Play School (r) **9.15** Articles of Faith (r). **9.30** This is the Day.
10.00 What on Earth. . ? Wildlife quiz (r) **10.25** Only Time Would Tell. An adopted woman's search for her natural mother (r). **10.55** The Woodbridge View. (r).
11.45 Look Stranger. (r) **12.10** Sign Extra. A programme about Aids, adapted for the hearing impaired **12.35** Farming. A report on the cattle disease leptospirosis which has reached epidemic proportions. It can also be transmitted to humans, in extreme cases causing meningitis and death **12.55** Weather.
1.00 This Week, Next Week. Vernon Walters, United States Ambassador to the UN, talks to Vivian White. **2.00** EastEnders (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Film: I'm All Right Jack (1959, b/w) starring Peter Sellers and Ian Carmichael. Satirical comedy about inefficient factory management and its intransigent union workforce. Directed by John Boulting. **4.40** Carnival of the Animals. (r).
5.05 The Making of "The Grand Knockout Tournament" How the royal charity edition of it's a Knockout was staged.
5.50 Vanity Fair. Episode one of a new 16-part adaptation of Thackeray's novel.
6.25 News and weather.
6.40 Songs of Praise from Rathbone Market in Canning Town. (Ceefax)
7.15 Three Up, Two Down. Comedy series starring Angela Thorne and Michael Elphick. (Ceefax)
7.45 Howards' Way. Episode one of a new 13-part serial. (Ceefax)
8.35 Bread. Comedy series about a Liverpool family. (Ceefax)
9.05 Sunday Premiere: The Happy Valley. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.35 News and weather.
10.50 Heart of the Matter. Can the Catholic Church cope with dissent?
11.25 Grand Prix. Highlights of the Italian race.
11.55 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore hunts for a tenth planet.
12.15 Network East (r).
12.55 Weather.

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour until **11.30am**, then at **2.30pm, 3.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight.
6.00 Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Mike Read **12.30pm** Jimmy Savile's Old Record Club (Top 10s from 1983, 1977 and 1971) **2.30** Sunday Live **3.30** Radio 1 More Time **4.00** Chartbusters **5.00** Top 40 **7.00** Anne Nightingale Request Show **9.00** Robbie Vincent **11.00-12.00** The Ranking Miss P (with Culture Rock). **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00** Serenade **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** As Radio 1

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF News on the hour (except **6.00pm**).Cricket Scoreboard **7.30pm**
4.00am Dave Bussey **6.00** Steve Truelove **7.30** Good Morning Sunday **9.05** Melodies for You **11.00** A Great Working of Steam Engines **1.00pm** PS... It's Peter Skellern **2.00** Stuart Hall's Sunday Sport. Includes Athletics (World Championships in Rome). Tennis (US Tennis Open). Racing (Phoenix Champion Stakes) **6.35** Sunday Soapbox **7.35** Ivor (Lies and times of Ivor Novello) **8.30** Sunday Half-Hour **9.00** Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.05** Songs from the Shows **10.45** Angela Hewitt at the piano **11.00** Sounds of Jazz **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

Times in GMT. Add an hour for BST
6.00am Newsdesk **6.30** Jazz for the Asking **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** From Our Own Correspondent **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** The Pleasure's Yours **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** Science in Action **9.45** Philosophy and Understanding **10.00** News **10.01** Short Story **10.15** Classical Record Review **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** From Our Own Correspondent **11.30** Talking About Music **12.00pm** Radio Newsreel **12.01** Play of the Week: The Company Forgives a Moment of Madness **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Sports Roundup **1.45** Tony Myatt Request Show including at **2.00** News **2.30** Persuasion **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** From the Proms **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Sor **5.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** News **7.01** Play of the Week: The Company Gives a Moment of Madness **8.00** News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Sunday Half Hour **9.00** News **9.01** Sportsworld **9.15** The Pleasure's Yours **10.00** News **10.09** A Taste of Blood **10.25** Book Choice **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Letter From America **11.30** Sex and Society **12.00am** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Religious Service **1.00** News **1.01** Sherlock's Last Case **1.45** Music in Old England **2.00** News **2.09** Review of British Press **2.15** Sportsworld **2.30** Science in Action **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** Good Books **3.30** Six Four Eight **3.35** Financial News **3.45** Morgenmagazin **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** 24 Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

BBC2

6.50 Open University.
1.30 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration) **1.30** Motor Racing: The Italian Grand Prix from Monza. **3.00** Athletics: the final day of the world championships in Rome. The approximate time-table is: **3.30** the start of the marathon, **4.00** women's 4x100 metres relay, **4.20** men's 4x100 metres relay; **4.50** men's 1,500 metres; **5.15** women's 4x400 metres relay: **6.00** men's 5,000 metres; **6.30** men's 4x400 metres relay. Plus, the men's high jump and the women's javelin.
6.50 The Change the World Party. A musical celebration hosted by Floella Benjamin and Gary Davies at Queen's Park Rangers Football Ground, marking the world-wide launch of Sport Aid 88. Among those due to appear are Curiosity Killed the Cat, ABC, Wet Wet Wet and Princess.
7.50 The Great Philosophers. The first of a new history of western philosophy series presented by Bryan Magee. Myles Burnyeat, Professor of Ancient Philosophy at Cambridge University, examines the thinking of Plato. (Ceefax)
8.35 Do You Mean There Are Still Real Cowboys? Robert Redford narrates this documentary about the latter-day cowboys of the American west.
9.50 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. Mr Daniels visits the Telecom Tower to engage in a thought jigsaw puzzle with nine regional BBC presenters. Back in the studio his guests are Hans Moretti from Germany and Nathalie Emerine of the United States (r). (Ceefax)
10.35 Film: Mr Wrong (1985) starring Heather Bolton and David Letch. Thriller about a woman who buys a vintage motor car only to inherit the memory of a strangled body left in the boot and the attention of the killer still on the prowl. Directed by Gaylene Preston.
12.00 World Athletics Championships - Rome '87. Highlights of the final day. Ends at **1.00.**

ITV/LONDON

6.55 TV-am.
8.00 Summer Sunday With Henry Kelly.
9.25 Wake Up London **9.35** He-Man and the Masters of the Universe **10.00** No 73. **10.30** The Adventures of Black Beauty (r)
11.00 Morning Worship from Soundwell Parish Church, Bristol (Oracle) **12.00** Educating Britain. Britain's examination system compared with West Germany's.
1.00 LWT News headlines followed by Police Five **1.15** Link. For the disabled. **1.30** Care Bears. Cartoon.
2.00 The Human Factor. Gypsies celebrate the feast of their patron saint, Sara.
2.30 Film: The Disappearance of Flight 412 (1975) starring Glenn Ford. Two US Air Force jets disappear mysteriously. Could they be victims of U.F.Os? Directed by Jud Taylor.
4.00 Knights of God. Episode one of a drama serial set in the year 2020. (Oracle)
4.30 The World Athletics Championships.
5.15 Sunday Sunday. Gloria Hunniford's guests are Dame Edna Everage, Ken Livingstone and Joan Collins.
6.00 The World Athletics Championships.
7.15 Child's Play. With Ray Brooks and Anneka Rice. Presented by Michael Aspel.
7.45 Sins. Episode one of a three-part mini-series starring Joan Collins.
9.45 News.
10.00 A Wreath of Roses. Drama, starring Trevor Eve and Joanna McCallum, about two strangers drawn together by a sickening incident at a sleepy village railway station. (Oracle)
11.30 LWT News followed by The World Athletic Championships.
12.30 Mary. Comedy series
1.00 Night Network includes a rock concert recorded at Glastonbury in 1982.
3.00 Film: The Star Packer (1934, b/w) starring John Wayne as a cowboy helping ranchers to defend themselves from a gang terrorizing the town. Directed by Robert North Bradbury.
4.00 Hawaii Five-O. Police drama series.
5.00 Baseball '87. Houston Astros v Chicago Cubs Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL4

9.25 Rat Gaye. Episode three of the Pakistan drama series.
10.00 Equinox: Hole in the Sky. (r).
11.00 The Waltons.
12.00 Network 7 includes a profile of the newspaper *Sunday Sport;* a report on army bullying; and a preview of the first night-club on a train.
2.00 Chips' Comic. For the young (r)
2.30 James Galway and Kyung Wha Chung Play Bach. The recital includes the Trio Sonata in G major in which they are joined by Philip Moll on harpsichord and Moray Welsh on 'cello.
3.05 The All Ireland Hurling Final. Galway play Kilkenny at Croke Park, Dublin. Ger Canning commentates.
5.05 World of Animation
5.15 News summary and weather followed by The Business Exchange. Roger Haynes, owner of a trout fishery business, asks the advice of restaurateur and entrepreneur Bob Payton on how to break even in his business.
6.00 Little Girl Goes to School. Japanese animated film.
6.20 Celebrity Candid Camera from Japan. Comedy show that plays practical jokes on celebrities.
7.15 Battle for the Planet. The first of a new, seven part environmental series, presented by Jonathon Porritt. Tonight, Professor Jorge Hardoy, a town planner from Argentina, offers a radical approach to the problem of sprawling cities. (Oracle)
8.15 People to People: We're Not Mad. . We're Angry. A dramatized documentary about Britain's psychiatric system (r). (Oracle)
9.15 Me! I'm Afraid of Virginia Woolf. The first of a season of six Alan Bennett plays. Neville Smith stars as an unhappy lecturer coming to a crossroads in his life with Thora Hird as his mother (r). (Oracle)
10.30 Film: Criss Cross (1949, b/w) starring Burt Lancaster and Yvonne De Carlo. Drama about a bullion car guard whose obsession with his ex-wife leads to his involvement in a robbery engineered by the woman's lover. Directed by Robert Siodmak Ends at **12.10.**

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: Introduction to calculus
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Mendelssohn: Capriccio in E minor Op 81 No 3 (Melos Quartet). Organ Sonata No 3 (Peter Hurford), *Two Klavierstücke* (Daniel Barenboim, piano), String Quartet in E minor, Op 44 (Endellion Quartet)
8.10 Dennis Brain: the horn-player in recordings of Mozart's Quintet in E flat, K 452 (with Colin Horsley, piano), Malipiero's Dialogue No 4 for Wind Quintet (Dennis Brain Wind Ensemble), and Strauss (Horn Concerto No 1: with the Philharmonia)
9.05 Your Concert Choice: Berwald (Piano Concerto in D: Migdal, with RPO), Rimsky-Korsakov (Song of the Indian Guest: Smirnoff, tenor), Asafiev (The Fountain of Bakhchiserai, excerpts: Bolshoi Theatre Orchestra), Mozart (Sonata in B flat, K 333: Denis Matthews, piano), Saint-Saens (Symphony No 1: Frankfurt RSO)
10.45 Prom Talk: with Peter Paul Nash. With contributions from Robert Sexton, Robert Spencer, Mark Elder, and Paul Banks
11.15 Endellion String Quartet: Mozart's Quartet in D, K 499; and Purcell works including Fantasia No 10 in E minor, Z 741, and Fantasias No 8 and 12. At **11.55**, Britten's String Quartet No 2
12.30 *Three Choirs Festival* 1987: from Worcester Cathedral. BBC Philharmonic, under Donald Hunt and Krzysztof Penderecki, with Sheila Armstrong (soprano), Mary King (mezzo), Anthony Roden (tenor), David Thomas (bass), and Three Choirs Festival Chorus. Borodin (Prince Igor overture), Rachmaninov (The Bells), Penderecki (Te Deum)
2.30 Shura Cherkassky: piano recital. Beethoven (Sonata in F minor, Op 57), and Bach, transc Busoni (Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue in C, BWV 564). Interval reading at **3.15**. At **3.20**, Chopin works including Ballade No 3 in A flat major Op 47; Ballade No 4 in F minor, Op 52
4.20 The English Concert, under Trevor Pinnock (harpsichord). Vivaldi (Concerti in F Op 3 No 7, RV 5857), Arne (Harpsichord Concerto No 5), Boyce (Symphony No 7)
5.30 The Two Thaws: Julian Graffy examines current Soviet liberalization in the cultural field
6.30 Schumann and Brahms songs: Ruud van der Meer (baritone), with Rudolf Jansen (piano). Works include Schumann's Romances and ballads (including *Biondels* Lied, Op 53 No 1); and selections from Brahms's Eight Songs, Op 59, and his Eight Songs Op 57
7.10 Believing Our Beliefs: R.A. Hodgkin offers some new perspectives on belief and faith
7.30 Proms 87: part one. CBSO under Simon Rattle, with Emanuel Ax (piano). Takemitsu (A flock descends into the pentagonal garden), Mozart (Piano Concerto No 25). In the interval (**8.20**), Natalie Wheen contemplates the CBSO
8.40 Proms 87 (part two): Mahler (Symphony No 1)
9.50 After a Night out with the Biscuitmen: David McKail reads Ron Butlin's story
10.10 Japanese Koto Music, Old and New: played by Sawai Koto Ensemble
11.35 Eastern European Flute Music: James Dower, with John Lenehan (piano) perform works by F Doppler (Fantaisie pastorale Mongroise Op 26) and Enesco (Cantabile et Presto)
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF.
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing: Weather **6.10** Prelude
6.30 News; Morning Has Broken (s) **6.55** Weather
7.00 News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm **7.40** Sunday (religious news)
8.00 News **8.10** Sunday Papers **8.50** The Week's Good Cause
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday papers
9.15 Letters from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Morning Service: from Tabernacle Baptist Church, Penarth, S. Wales
10.15 The Archers
11.15 News Stand: Martyn Wainwright surveys the newspapers
11.30 Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard's selection from the past week's BBC television and radio programmes
12.15 Desert Island Discs: Michael Parkinson's guest is Kitty Godfree, tennis and badminton star of the Twenties **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: a visit to the Lakeland Rose Show in Kendal, Cumbria
2.30 The Afternoon Play: Hess, written and performed by Michael Burrell. (r) (s)
3.30 A Voice of the Poet: Dame Edith Sitwell is remembered through her letters and recordings
4.00 News; Enterprise: Marjorie Lofthouse visits the world's only leech farm
4.30 The Natural History Programme: How pesticides and industrial waste chemicals are killing off our marine and coastal wildlife
5.00 News: Down Your Way: Tom Watt catches the No 53 bus in Manchester to explore an area he knows well **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News
6.15 More Wrestling than Dancing: David Moreau attempts once more to come to grips with Life (1) In Service
6.30 International Assignment
7.00 The Count of Monte Cristo: dramatized in seven parts, starring Andrew Sachs (3) The Return (s)
8.00 A Good Friend: Brian Gear with Naomi Lewis and Charles Causley
8.30 The Cross and the Crescent: A history of the Crusades, with Malcolm Billings (r) (s)
9.00 News: Lexicon of Laughter: with Richard Anthony Baker
9.30 A Splendid Discipline: Diane Shelley concludes her history of the cinema's music **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Discovering Brooklands: The history of the famous motor racing circuit. With John Burrows
11.00 Before the Ending of the Day: late evening Office of Compline
11.15 John Morgan on War (r)
11.30 RSC in Repertoire: This week Michael Bogdanov's Romeo and Juliet. With Linda Cookson (r)
12.00 News; Weather **VHF** as above except: **7.00-8.00am** Open University **7.00** Maths Foundation Tutorial **7.20** Social Sciences **7.40** Technology **4.00-6.00** Options **4.00** Global Village **4.30** Education Matters **5.30** Nigerian Civil War

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Bangladesh flood relief is 'totally inadequate'

Government is urged to give £250,000 aid

By Paul Vallely

An immediate emergency grant of £250,000 should be made by the British Government to help millions of peasants stranded in the worst floods Bangladesh has seen for 40 years, the British agency War On Want said yesterday.

Recent emergency aid from the Government and British relief agencies were totally inadequate, according to Miss Helen Allison, one of the War On Want officers who returned on Tuesday from a three-week tour of the inundated regions.

"The level of response to the Bangladeshi Government's appeal for help has been very poor. The British Government should make a quarter of a million pounds more available at once, and review the situation next week" she said yesterday

She also criticized the Disasters Emergency Committee, the co-ordinating body which makes joint appeals in major disasters on behalf of Britain's five biggest overseas charities – Oxfam, Save The Children Fund, Christian Aid, Cafod, and the British Red Cross. "They have just not responded quickly enough", she said.

Officials at the Bangladeshi High Commission in London have said the international response has been good. But aid workers in Dhaka yesterday revealed that, in private, the Bangladeshi Government is much more critical

"They feel that they cannot say too much in public. The Government is not as stable as might appear and the politics of food in Bangladesh play a big part in the general political picture. Both the Government and the opposition intend to make significant political capital out of the present events", one senior Western aid worker said.

The Disasters Emergency Committee said yesterday that it would wait until next week before making a decision on whether to launch a major appeal "By then our members hope to have a clearer picture"

Oxfam now has its entire development staff in Dhaka travelling in various parts of the flood-hit regions on a mission of assessment. "It is the second mission. As a result of the first, we set up nine feeding programmes which offered cooked rice and dhal in the worst hit areas of Dinajpur and Thakurgaon in the north and also in Pabna, Tangal, Rajbari, Sirajgonj, Natore and Netrokona," said Amanda Milligan, of Oxfam's communications department, yesterday.

"These began in the middle of last month. We have also started a programme in 10 other areas providing chapati, cooked potatoes and spices, and basic health care. Our field workers are expected back at base this weekend and we expect to approach the (British) Government early next week with a proposal based on their findings."

The Irish agency Concern, which has one of the biggest emergency operations in the country, concentrating mainly on women and children, yesterday summoned its field director in Dhaka, Mr Philip O'Brien, to Dublin to report to the charity's council.

Mr O'Brien said: "On Monday I finished a tour of the worst-hit areas. Thankfully, the waters were receding in the north but they are still rising in the south. The main problem was the loss of crops. Some 2½ million acres of crop land have gone permanently. Everywhere people were living on embankments and high

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roadsides with whatever they had been able to transport before the wates rose.

"In the worst area, Pabna district near the junction of the two major rivers, the flooding came early and has stayed a long time. It will be at least another three weeks before it recedes, maybe longer. As a result they have lost the two main rice crops."

Concern, which has already received a £30,000 grant from the British Government and Ir£70,000 from the Republic, hopes to raise enough money for a major two-pronged initiative.

"We hope to be able to provide the seeds, fertilizer and agricultural cash credits for the quick planting of some wheat crops and early winter vegetables. We hope also to begin some food-for-work projects to assist with the reconstruction and repair of mud houses and the rebuilding of roads, embankments, culverts and small bridges.

"In a sense it is when the waters recede that the worst problems begin. There will for example, be no grazing for the livestock over vast areas and there is the danger of tens of thousands of cattle being lost. This could be a disaster."

Last night, the British Overseas Development Administration said that, at the moment, the Government had no plans for further emergency aid.

Some £110,000 had been allocated and the British High Commission in Dhaka was in discussion with the Government there about the possibility of funds to assist with rehabilitation work.



A woman sits on the roof of her flooded home outside Dhaka to wash her family's clothes in the flood



Mr Sunil Karmakar and his family are forced to live in the open air at Dhamrai, 45 miles from Dhaka, after the floods washed away his home and killed his four-year-old son.

King hint of IRA link with arrest near home

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Their arrest six days ago came after military bases in Britain had been on alert for at least two weeks because of fears of a possible attack by the Provisional IRA against prestige targets.

The RUC had been warning throughout the summer that the Provisional IRA was intent on increasing its bombing campaign.

Mr King said the police were taking the matter "extremely seriously". He arrived at Parliament Buildings within the heavily guarded grounds of Stormont in a three-vehicle convoy but security at his other engagements yesterday did not appear to have been increased.

Mr King said: "People are looking for a more constructive way forward. I think the IRA are scared of that constructive way forward and of the closer links between the British and Irish governments and perhaps their interest in me is a reflection of that concern."

Asked whether this meant that he considered the Provisional IRA was behind the incident, Mr King said he would not comment further.

He said: "This matter is being taken extremely seriously by the police".

Since their arrest, the three, who gave police Dublin addresses, have refused to cooperate with detectives who have questioned them.

Wiltshire police suspected that an IRA reconnaisance team had been sent to England to investigate security at Mr King's West Country farmhouse.

If no charges are brought, the three – two men and a woman in their 20s – could face "exclusion" from Britain under the terms of the Provention of Terrorism Act.

The police activity in Blackpool began after the Wiltshire police found a document which suggested that someone may have stayed recently in the town. The document is thought to have suggested part of an address.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,454

ACROSS

1 Carefully sorted out, like Dawkins's takings (4-6).
6 A block in the colon (4).
9 Familiar greeting cut short by man from the landowners (10).
10 Beat in return game here (4).
12 Having a lead, crew may use this to keep it (3-9).
15 Sounds a foreign composer but for the big moustache (9).
17 They lead prayers for single mothers (5).
18 False horizontal (5).
19 He assembles the other ranks after daily prayer (9).
20 Sorting out the ethical hoops of intuitive religion (12).
24 Spoil the game – start to throw (4).
25 Putting two and two together, a Left supplementary (10).
26 Affected by closure of atomic power unit (4).
27 Birdies mean golf is fantastic (10).

DOWN

1 Re-heated food in the mess (4).
2 In France you and I show common sense (4).
3 What have you in mind? This manual worker should know (12)
4 Ionian island, half full with Corinthians (5).
5 Get me a helper somehow – temporary will do (9).
7 Cleaner comes by Tube, but won't go back in it (10)
8 Critic fooks unhealthy, eating rook in flaky confection (4,6).
11 Burning issue in film on the dole (12).
13 Boy on unusually late in charge of postal collection (10).
14 The screwdriver for some craftsmen (6-4).
16 Side of the foot used for reverse (4-5).
21 Did I omit a characteristic expression? No! (5).
22 Remarkable Scottish university sergeant, say (4).
23 A former railway charity (4).

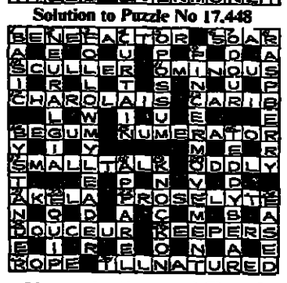
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Solution to Puzzle No 17,453



Solution to Puzzle No 17,448



A prize of The Times Concise Atlas of the World *will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: S Corrin, 10 Russell Gardens, London NW 11; W Taylor, 6 Roman Road, Faversham, Kent; W Rodgers, 23 Linden Close, Barnstaple, Devon, G Callow, 52 Almond Ave, Risca, Gwent; P A C Hall, 1 Upper Ley Court, Chapeltown, Sheffield.

Name.....

Address.....

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The national final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship will be held tomorrow at the Park Lane Hotel, London, at 1.30pm, admission £2.

WEATHER

The south-east will start mostly dry. Cloud, rain and strong winds will affect most of England and Wales at first. Over Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man, it will be a day of showers and sunny periods. Winds will reach gale force at times in exposed places. Outlook: showers and sunny periods in the north. Elsewhere, rain will spread from the west on Sunday, clearing on Monday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	f	27	81	Malaga	s	26	79
Akrotiri	f	27	81	Malta	f	28	82
Alex'dria	f	29	84	Melb'rne	c	15	59
Algiers	s	31	88	Mexico C'	f	19	66
Amst'dam	f	19	66	Miami'	f	32	90
Athens	s	29	84	Milan	f	26	79
Barcelna	s	27	81	Montreal'	c	15	59
Belgrade	s	28	82	Moscow	r	13	55
Berlin	s	23	73	Nairobi	f	27	81
Bermuda'	s	30	86	N Delhi	s	34	93
Brussels	c	18	64	N York'	s	22	72
Budapst	s	27	81	Oslo	c	13	55
B Aires'	f	16	61	Paris	c	19	66
Cairo	s	30	86	Peking	s	27	81
Cape Tn	s	16	61	Perth	s	19	66
C'blanca	s	25	77	Prague	s	22	72
Chr'church	f	16	61	Rhodes	s	26	79
Cologne	c	22	72	Rio de J	c	19	66
C'phagn	f	17	63	Riyadh	s	41	106
Corfu	s	28	82	Rome	f	27	81
Dublin	c	17	63	Salzburg	f	24	75
Dubrovnik	s	29	82	S F'isco'	f	20	68
Florence	f	29	84	S Paulo'	c	19	66
Frankfurt	s	25	77	Sing'por	s	33	91
Geneva	f	22	72	St'kholm	f	18	64
Gibraltar	c	24	75	Strasb'rg	f	22	72
Helsinki	f	14	57	Sydney	s	15	59
Hong K	s	31	88	Tangier	f	24	75
Innsbrck	f	24	75	Tel aviv	f	29	84
Istanbul	f	24	75	Tenerife	f	26	79
Jeddah	s	41	106	Tokyo	c	20	68
Jo'burg	c	17	63	Tunis	s	30	86
Karachi	f	29	84	Vanc'ver	c	15	59
Le Touet	f	19	66	Venice	s	27	81
Lisbon	s	23	73	Vienna	s	25	77
L Angels'	s	24	75	Warsaw	s	19	66
Luxembg	f	21	70	Wash'ton'	s	26	79
Madrid	s	26	79	Wel'nton	f	13	55
Majorca	f	29	84	Zurich	f	21	70

' denotes Thursday's available figures are latest

AROUND BRITAIN

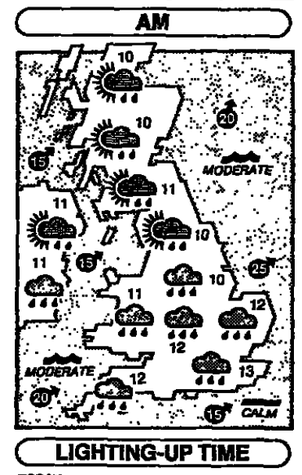
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Scarboro	3.73	-	21	70	cloudy
Bridlington	2.8	.01	23	73	cloudy
Cromer	6.2	-	24	75	sunny
Lowestoft	4.1	-	21	70	sunny
Clacton	5.1	-	21	70	sunny
Southend	5.6	-	23	73	sunny
Margate	5.8	-	25	77	sunny
Folkestone	3.9	-	20	72	sunny
Hastings	2.6	-	21	70	cloudy
Eastbourne	5.1	-	20	68	bright
Brighton	1.5	-	20	68	cloudy
Worthing	2.4	-	20	68	cloudy
Littlehmptn	2.7	-	20	68	bright
Bognor R	1.2	-	20	68	cloudy
Southsea	0.4	-	21	70	cloudy
Sandown	-	-	21	70	dull
Bournemth	1.7	.03	20	68	shower
Poole	2.2	-	-	-	cloudy
Swanage	2.1	-	19	66	bright
Weymouth	3.1	-	19	66	bright
Exmouth	2.2	-	21	70	bright
Teignmouth	4.3	-	22	72	sunny
Torquay	4.1	-	21	70	sunny
Falmouth	7.4	.07	21	70	sunny
Penzance	9.4	08	20	68	sunny
Scilly Isles	3.5	-	21	70	sunny
Guernsey	4.5	02	22	72	cloudy
Ilfracombe	-	10	20	68	sunny
Minehead	4.3	01	22	72	sunny
Morecambe	4.4	03	22	72	sunny
Douglas	-	08	17	63	bright
Carlisle	5.1	01	21	70	rain
Nottingham	0.3	02	20	68	rain
Anglesey	7.7	05	18	64	rain
Colwyn Bay	6.7	-	20	68	sunny
Tenby	7.4	11	19	66	sunny
Aberdeen	3.2		18	64	fog
Eskdalemuir	3.5	07	17	63	rain
Montrose	4.7	-	22	72	sunny
Lerwick	-		13	55	dull
Prestwick					

HIGH TIDES

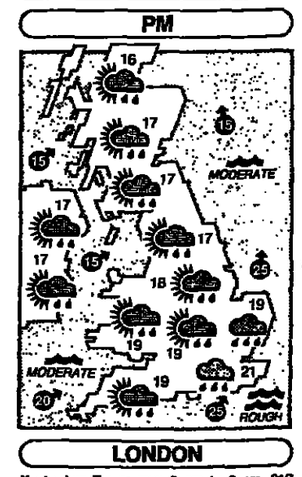
TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	—	—	12.23	6.1	London Bridge	1.05	6.6	1.31	6.6
Aberdeen	—	—	12.19	3.9	Aberdeen	12.25	4.0	1.12	4.2
Avonmouth	5.41	10.8	6.18	11.7	Avonmouth	6.51	12.5	7.15	12.8
Belfast	9.47	3.1	10.04	3.4	Belfast	10.38	3.3	10.53	3.6
Cardiff	5.26	10.1	6.01	10.8	Cardiff	6.36	11.1	7.01	11.8
Devonport	4.21	4.6	4.48	5.0	Devonport	5.30	5.0	5.51	5.4
Dover	10.01	5.8	10.26	6.0	Dover	10.50	6.2	11.14	6.4
Falmouth	3.51	4.4	4.18	4.8	Falmouth	5.00	4.8	5.21	5.2
Glasgow	11.28	4.1	11.58	4.5	Glasgow	—	—	12.29	4.2
Harwich	10.15	3.4	11.02	3.7	Harwich	11.24	3.6	11.59	4.0
Holyhead	9.16	4.9	9.30	5.3	Holyhead	10.07	5.3	10.17	5.7
Hull	4.49	6.2	5.40	6.6	Hull	5.45	6.8	6.32	7.1
Ilfracombe	4.38	7.6	5.07	8.2	Ilfracombe	5.37	8.4	6.01	9.0
Leith	12.53	4.7	1.40	5.0	Leith	1.54	5.1	2.36	5.3
Liverpool	10.03	8.2	10.25	8.8	Liverpool	10.59	8.9	11.16	9.4
Lowestoft	7.34	2.2	8.41	2.3	Lowestoft	8.31	2.3	9.40	2.4
Margate	10.31	4.2	11.19	4.5	Margate	11.31	4.5	—	—
Milford Haven	4.52	5.8	5.20	6.4	Milford Haven	5.51	6.4	6.13	7.0
Newquay	3.47	5.9	4.14	6.4	Newquay	4.44	6.5	5.05	7.0
Oban	5.10	3.2	5.19	3.7	Oban	5.55	3.5	6.02	4.0
Penzance	3.27	4.6	3.52	5.1	Penzance	4.31	5.1	4.51	5.5
Portland	5.30	1.6	5.55	2.0	Portland	6.38	1.8	7.00	2.2
Portsmouth	10.16	4.2	10.32	4.3	Portsmouth	11.11	4.5	11.25	4.5
Shoreham	9.59	5.5	10.24	5.8	Shoreham	10.55	6.0	11.15	6.2
Southampton	9.52	4.2	10.01	4.2	Southampton	10.48	4.4	10.48	4.4
Swansea	4.56	8.0	5.26	8.6	Swansea	5.57	8.7	6.20	9.3
Tees	2.02	4.7	2.31	4.9	Tees	2.58	5.1	3.42	5.3
Whtn-on-Nze	10.15	3.6	10.56	3.9	Whtn-on-Nze	11.17	3.8	11.52	4.2

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 8.09 pm to 5.50 am
Bristol 8.19 pm to 6.00 am
Edinburgh 8.28 pm to 5.56 am
Manchester 8.21 pm to 5.56 am
Penzance 8.29 pm to 6.13 am

TOMORROW
London 8.07 pm to 5.52 am
Bristol 8.17 pm to 6.01 am
Edinburgh 8.26 pm to 5.58 am
Manchester 8.18 pm to 5.57 am
Penzance 8.27 pm to 6.15 am

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 19C (66F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 8.3 hr

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 21C (70F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 13C (55F). Humidity: 6 pm, 56 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 8.4 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1016.3 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

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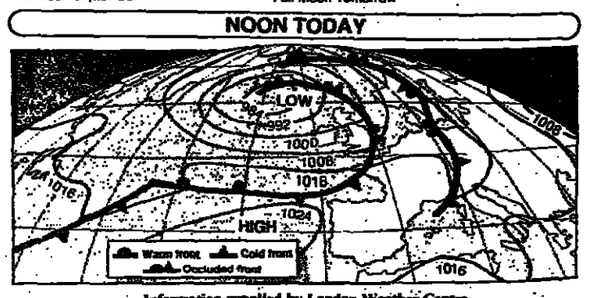
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	c	16	61	Guernsey	f	16	61
B'ingham	c	17	63	Inverness	r	15	59
Blackpool	f	17	63	Jersey	r	20	68
Bristol	c	18	64	London	f	19	66
Cardiff	f	19	66	M'chester	r	16	61
Edinburgh	s	16	61	Newcastle	c	19	61
Glasgow	f	16	61	R'aldsway	s	15	61

TODAY
Sun rises: 6.19 am
Sun sets: 7.39 pm
Moon sets: 2.24 am
Moon rises: 7.08 pm
Full Moon September 7

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 6.20 am
Sun sets: 7.37 pm
Moon sets: 3.59 am
Moon rises: 7.27 pm
Full Moon Tomorrow

NOON TODAY



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Executive Editor
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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1782.1 (+7.6)

FT-SE 100
2274.9 (+6.8)

Bargains
34432 (33613)

USM (Datastream)
209.85 (–0.08)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6530 (–0.0045)

W-German mark
2.9680 (–0.0022)

Trade-weighted
73.0 (–0.1)

Sedgwick profits fall £11m

By Alison Eadie

Sedgwick Group, Britain's largest quoted insurance broker, yesterday reported a fall in interim pretax profits to £81 million from £92.6 million, on revenues 8.4 per cent higher at £357.7 million.

The profits decline was almost entirely due to a rapid fall in US property insurance rates. Sedgwick had not anticipated the speed and severity of the fall.

Sedgwick has been expanding rapidly in the US, largely through the acquisition of Fred S James in 1985 and Crump Companies last year, when the insurance cycle was on an upswing. There are worries in the stock market that Sedgwick paid too much in the light of the sudden downturn.

Earnings per share, after the increase in shares issued to finance the US purchases, fell 20.5 per cent. The dividend was maintained at 4p.

Mr Carel Mosselmans, the chairman, said that despite the difficulties, the board remained convinced the strategy of establishing Sedgwick as the only European international broker with a big presence in the US was correct.

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De Brett drop

Pretax profits of Andre De Brett, the direct mail order business specializing in outsize clothing, sank from £168,000 to £55,000 last year. There is no final dividend.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2579.40 (–26.09)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	25744.03 (+94.15)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3654.48 (+0.53)
Amsterdam: Gen	309.2 (–2.5)
Sydney: AO	2195.8 (–7.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1961.2 (–36.8)
Brussels:	
General	5295.7 (–2.8)
Paris: CAC	435.9 (–6.2)
Zurich: SKA Gen	804.4 (+5.0)
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	n.a
FT.– "500"	n.a
FT. Gold Mines	451.2 (–1.6)
FT. Fixed interest	92.18 (–0.02)
FT. Govt Secs	85.72 (–0.16)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Appledore Group	373p (+88p)
Taylor Woodrow	437p (+22p)
Davies & Met. 'A'	116p (+18p)
Bass	955p (+16p)
Tyne Tees TV 'A'	574p (+22p)
Barham Group	251p (+16p)
GUS 'A'	1280p (+16p)
R Smallshaw	185p (+45p)
Macarthy	535p (+25p)
Coates Bros.	393p (+18p)
Reed Executive	1008p (+23p)
Midland Bank	500p (+20p)
Equity & Law	384p (+34p)
Britannic	1158p (+30p)
Remus Holdings	277p (+49p)
Pearson	782p (+14p)
Rex Williams	113p (+15p)
FALLS:	
TI Group	413p (–20p)
Wm Collins 'A'	725p (–13p)
Sedgwick Group	292p (–12p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month Interbank 10⅜-10⅛%
3-month eligible bills: 9⅞-9⅝%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¼%
Federal Funds 6⅛%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.33-6.31%*
30-year bonds 94¼-94³²

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6530	£: $1.6535*
£: DM2.9680	$: DM1.7965*
£: SwFr2.4605	$: SwFr1.4880*
£: FFr9.9345	$: FFr6.0100*
£: Yen234.23	$: Yen141.75*
£: Index:73.0	$: Index:100.3
ECU £0.697439	SDR £0.785679

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $464.40 pm-$464.75
close $465.00-465.50 (£281.75-282.25)
New York:
Comex $465.20-465.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Oct.) pm $18.30bbl ($18.33)
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Group pays £645m to become one of world's largest hotel operators

Ladbroke in Hilton coup

By Cliff Feltham

In the face of fierce international competition, the Ladbroke Group took one of the richest prizes in the hotel business yesterday when it announced the £645 million takeover of the luxury Hilton hotel chain.

The deal gives Ladbroke 92 Hilton hotels, including the London Hilton in Park Lane, and makes it one of the largest operators in the world.

"To have secured Hilton at a reasonable price is a great coup for Ladbroke," said Mr Cyril Stein, the chairman, after announcing the company's biggest-ever deal.

There was an enthusiastic response in the City, even though shareholders will be asked to put up some of the cash, as analysts saw the acquisition as transforming the group's prospects. Many of Ladbroke's hotels will be relaunched under the Hilton banner, which is expected to have a big impact on their profitability.

Ladbroke is buying Hilton International from its US owners, the Allegis Corporation, which plans to concentrate on its main business, United Airlines.

The auction attracted the interest of more than 30 potential bidders, including leading international airlines. Ladbroke believes its offer succeeded because it was able to tie up a deal more quickly and did not require the regulatory permission needed by some of the airlines.

Hilton owns and operates 92 hotels – just under half are run under management contracts – with more than 35,000 bedrooms in 44 countries. Twenty-seven of the hotels are in Europe, 26 in North and South America, and 39 in the Far East, Australia and other parts of the world. A number of new hotels are being built at present.

Profits at Hilton International – which separated from the late Mr Conrad Hilton's Hilton Hotels Corporation in 1964 – have been unexciting over the past few years.

They fell from $60 million (£36 million) in 1985 to $47.6 million last year as the group suffered from the decline in US tourists visiting Europe. But profits have risen sharply this year.

The deal will give Ladbroke 50,000 hotel bedrooms worldwide. In Britain, it will run a close second in room numbers to Trusthouse Forte.

It will also give Ladbroke access to the Hilton international room reservation system, which will boost bookings at the British group's hotels here and in Europe.

Mr John Jarvis, the Ladbroke director who will head the Hilton operation, said: "In the hotel business you need a strong brand name and they don't come any better than Hilton. We are thinking of renaming about 10 of our leading hotels, including those in Copenhagen, Bristol and Edinburgh with the Hilton name.

"We are also going to form a new Hilton Inns chain, which will be four-star commercial hotels out of city centres."

Ladbroke is asking its shareholders to put up £254 million towards the purchase price by launching a rights issue at 378p a share.

The City reacted warmly to the takeover. Mr Ron Littleboy of Nomura said: "The deal sounds a bit of a steal. From next year Ladbroke will be earning 40 per cent of its profits from hotels. There is a lot of potential locked up in the Hilton business."

Ladbroke's next move could be to invite offers for some of its non-core businesses

The man behind the deal

Ladbroke's takeover of the Hilton hotel chain was not only a coup for the company, but a crowning achievement for Mr Cyril Stein, the chairman. A few years ago his career as head of the company looked to be at an end.

Ladbroke was forced to shut down its profitable London casinos after being ruled unfit to run them after a big scandal and allegations of a James Bond-style operation aimed at luring clients away from rival casinos.

The company's shares crashed and there was speculation that a takeover bid might be made to salvage Ladbroke's fortunes. For a time, Mr Stein's position as head of the company looked in doubt.

But Mr Stein, who joined the company 20 years ago when a family consortium acquired control, bounced back to make Ladbroke a formidable force in hotels, betting and do-it-yourself.

He has also created a significant property business in the United States. Last year, he entered negotiations with Granada, which might have created a £1 billion leisure conglomerate, but the two sides failed to agree.

But in an eventful year he went on to acquire the Texas DIY chain for £204 million, sold his chain of bingo clubs to the Rank Organisation for £67 million, and disposed of his Laskys high street hi-fi operation for £35 million.

The empire he has bought

A total of 92 Hilton hotels are operating in the following places:

Abidjan, Ivory Coast; Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (2); Abuja, Nigeria; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Adelaide, Australia; Al Ain, United Arab Emirates; Amsterdam, The Netherlands (2); Athens, Greece; Bahrain; Bangkok, Thailand; Barbados, West Indies; Barquisimeto, Venezuela; Basle, Switzerland; Belem, Brazil; Belo Horizonte, Brazil; Bogota, Colombia; Brisbane, Australia; Brussels, Belgium; Budapest, Hungary; Cairo, Egypt (2); Caracas, Venezuela (2); Cartagena, Colombia; Chicago, United States; Colombo, Sri Lanka; Corfu, Greece; Dubai, United Arab Emirates (2); Dusseldorf, West Germany; two floating hotels in Egypt; Fujairah, United Arab Emirates; Geneva, Switzerland; Guam, US; Hong Kong; Honolulu, Hawaii; Istanbul, Turkey; Jakarta, Indonesia; Jerusalem, Israel; Kenya (2 lodges); Khartoum, Sudan; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Kuwait; Lahore, Pakistan; London, England (3); Madagascar; Mainz, West Germany; Malta; Manila, Philippines; Mayaguez, Puerto Rico; Melbourne, Australia; Milan, Italy; Minneapolis, US; Montreal, Canada (2); Munich, West Germany; Nairobi, Kenya; New York, US; Nicosia, Cyprus; Osaka, Japan; Paris, France (2); Perth, Australia; Petaling Jaya, Malaysia; Pittsburgh, US; Quebec, Canada; Rome, Italy; Rotterdam, The Netherlands; Saint John, Canada; San Juan, Puerto Rico; São Paulo, Brazil (2); Seoul, South Korea; Singapore; Strasbourg, France; Sydney, Australia (2); Taipei, Taiwan; Tel Aviv, Israel; Tokyo, Japan; Toronto, Canada (2); Trinidad, West Indies; Tunis, Tunisia; Vienna, Austria; Washington DC, US; Windsor, Canada; Zurich, Switzerland.

The 14 hotels under construction are:

Ankara, Turkey; Cairns, Australia; Cali, Colombia; Jakarta, Indonesia; Kuching, Malaysia; Luxor, Egypt; Munich, West Germany; Nagoya, Japan; Newark, US; Ojai, US; Tokyo, Japan; Shanghai, China; Vienna, Austria; Yaounde, Cameroon.

The three hotels being developed are:

Peking, China; Cancun, Mexico; Waltham, US.

Optimism at lacklustre Bestwood

By Our City Staff

Bestwood, the property, financial services and industrial conglomerate, run by Mr Tony Cole, the former stockbroker, yesterday announced a lacklustre performance in the first half of the current year.

Profits advanced modestly from £947,000 last time to £988,000, while earnings per share contracted sharply from 3.7p to 2.6p.

Mr Cole conceded the results might appear disappointing. He said, however, that the underlying trend of the businesses within the three divisions was encouraging.

At the trading level, the biggest shortfall was in the industrial division, where profits fell from £635,000 to £525,000. Central overheads also rose sharply from £401,000 to £606,000 and the interest bill was £297,000 against only £63,000 last year.

Bestwood also announced the details of its purchase of the Furlong group of companies, which is involved in residential property development and road surfacing. The vendors have warranted profits of £2 million in the current year, £3 million next year and £3.75 million in 1989. The purchase price of £15.4 million will be reduced if the warranted profits are not achieved.

The Furlong acquisition, plus the drilling contract awarded by BP at Wytch Farm in Dorset, further strengthened the company's base for future profitability, said Mr Cole.



Denzil McNeelance

Bouncing back with leisure group's biggest-ever deal despite fierce competition: Cyril Stein

Fed raises discount rate

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The Federal Reserve yesterday raised its key discount rate from 5.5 per cent to 6 per cent.

A brief announcement said: "The decision reflects the intent of the Federal Reserve to deal effectively and in a timely way with potential inflationary pressures."

The last increase in the discount rate came on April 9 1984, when it moved from 8.5 per cent to 9 per cent. Since then the rate has been cut seven times, with the last reduction on August 20 last year when it dropped from 6 per cent to 5.5 per cent.

Two major banks, Chase Manhattan and Chemical of New York, raised their prime lending rate yesterday to 8.75 per cent from 8.25 per cent with immediate effect. Their move came within minutes of the Federal Reserve's announcement that it was raising its discount rate, the rate it charges on loans to banks.

The move was expected to spark rate rises by other large money-centre banks.

Financial observers said the rise in the key interest rate could slow the growth rate of the US economy, which is in its fifth year of expansion.

It marked the first major Fed action since Dr Alan Greenspan became chairman last month.

The increase is likely to have a major impact on the nervous US stock and bond markets, which have been declining because of higher interest rate pressures.

The Fed's move should allay any doubts among some financial analysts about the commitment of the new Fed chairman to maintain a strong stand against inflation.

The timing of yesterday's action was unusual, suggesting that the US central bank wanted to influence the financial markets.

Both the dollar and bond prices eased after the announcement, leaving the dollar little changed on the day in Europe. Against the pound it gained 0.3 cents from the previous close at $1.6545.

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BCI looks out for takeovers

By Alexandra Jackson

A sharply improved balance sheet has put Blue Circle Industries on the lookout for acquisitions in the British building materials sector.

Mr David Poole, group chief executive, said yesterday after publication of BCT's interim figures: "We are actively looking to broaden the base of our domestic building materials operations

City commentators are speculating on possible bid targets. Ibstock Johnsen the brick manufacturer, Meyer International, the joinery company, and concrete products manufacturer Marshalls Halifax are most mentioned.

A ready-mixed concrete price war in Atlanta, Georgia, knocked £8.8 million off profits to end-June, but overall group pretax profits rose 39 per cent to £59.7 million.

Operating profits rose from £64.7 million to £69.9 million, helped by a £3.1 million pension fund holiday. Interest payments fell 42 per cent to £10.2 million and net borrowings dropped £215 million to £179 million.

The interim dividend of 5p is 67 per cent higher than last year's.

As Britain's largest cement manufacturer, Blue Circle's has been closely watched since the end of the industry's price agreement. The new structure was not in place in the first half, but savings pushed operating profits up from £6.1 million to £16.5 million.

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Go-ahead for £60m shops complex

By Robert Rodwell

Ulster's Department of the Environment has given the go-ahead for the biggest-ever commercial property development in the centre of Belfast.

It is the £60 million, seven-acre Castle Court shops and offices complex on Royal Avenue to be built by the development side of the John Laing construction group.

Foundation work is expected to begin within three weeks for completion in spring 1990, Mr Nick Sadler, Laing's project manager, said

Castle Court will comprise a large department store, 80 other shop units, offices and multi-storey parking for 2,000 cars. It will also bring about 2,000 jobs.

The project was delayed for some months after an objection from Mr Tom King, the Northern Ireland Secretary.

He is understood to have disliked the first frontage designed and to have told the developers to think again. It was changed by the architects, Building Design Partnership, and the developers before being relaunched.

Belfast traders believe Sears Holdings will lease the department store. But Mr Sadler, said such speculation was premature, although Laing expects to be making firm announcements about tenants within eight weeks.

Brierley in £367m bid for Equity & Law

By Colin Campbell

Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, made his long-expected full takeover bid for Equity & Law yesterday, offering 365p cash a share, which valued the life assurer at £367 million.

Equity & Law responded within hours, saying it would strongly resist the advance and that the 365p offer could not be taken seriously.

Its share price jumped 37p to 387p, having earlier touched 389p, on realization that the group is now "in play" and in the belief that other bidders may step forward.

Brierley Investments, which came to the London Stock Exchange last December and is the second-largest quoted company in New Zealand with a market capitalization of nearly £2 billion, acquired an interest in Equity & Law 18 months ago, and now owns 29.6 per cent. It built its stake at an average price of 330p.

Mr Brierley approached Equity & Law's board for an agreed offer. "Their reaction was quite the opposite, and therefore it is likely to be a hostile battle," he said yesterday. "Our offer is not wonderfully cheap. It's a full price."

Mr Brierley said he would not be distraught if there was a higher bid, but added: "My preferred course is to win – but on sensible terms."

If the bid succeeds, Equity & Law will operate as a separate business within the Brierley Investment group.

Equity & Law said it would prefer to remain independent and would resist the offer on the grounds that the price was inadequate, its own dividend and investment record was solid and that the offer was not in the interest of either shareholders or policyholders.

IBC in £98m agreed bid for Barham

By Michael Tate

Mr Michael Bell's ambitious publishing group, International Business Communications, plans to more than treble its size through an agreed £98.1 million takeover bid for Barham Group.

A successful merger would create a £150 million business information group leader.

Terms of the offer are 19 IBC shares and 985p in cash for every 18 Barham share, and value each Barham at 268p, a premium of 25 per cent to the market price, although holders may take a straight 250p in cash. The share capital will thus be increased by more than two-and-a-half times.

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Millionaire yachtsman has big ideas for holiday town

De Savary boards Appledore

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

Sleepy Falmouth, the archetypal Cornish holiday town steeped in tales of smuggling, is set to be transformed into Britain's answer to the commercial ports of Rotterdam or Flushing.

Mr Peter de Savary, the multi-millionaire yachtsman, yesterday revealed that his oil and gas exploration company Highland Participants had made an agreed £13.9 million bid for A&P Appledore, the quoted group that controls Falmouth docks and harbour facilities.

The takeover by Highland could provide a major boost to Falmouth's fortunes. The town, which lays claim to some of the world's finest sailing waters, also boasts one of the largest natural harbours in the world and is close to the Channel's main shipping routes.

As a bonus, Mr de Savary, aged 43, hinted that if his latest £10 million bid to win the America's Cup in 1991 was successful, the seas off Falmouth could be the venue for the following race. Such an event would bring millions to the Cornish Riveria, of which Falmouth says it is the gem, and Mr de Savary's other quoted company, the property and leisure group Alfred Walker, is undoubtedly envisaged as playing a major role should the big yachts arrive in the mid-1990s.

Appledore, which has no connection with the state-owned Devon shipyard of Appledore Shipbuilders, operates shiprepairing and engineering services at Falmouth and has a worldwide reputation as a marine consultant. Among others it manages Dubai Drydocks, one of the premier shiprepair yards in the Gulf.

In the year to the end of last September Appledore recorded pretax profits of more than £1 million and is predicting similar earnings this year.

Highland said its acquisition represented "an opportunity to produce a single, integrated operation concentrating on energy and shipping-related businesses including transportation, distribution and storage of hydrocarbons and other raw materials."

The complicated deal involves the purchase by Highland of the Bellway Group's 50 per cent stake in Cuehold, a company which is jointly owned with Appledore and which acts as the holding company for the Falmouth ship repairing services and 80 acres.

Mr de Savary, who already owns 30 per cent of Falmouth Oil Services – a bunkerage group whose fuel terminal at Falmouth is a Customs & Excise duty-free zone – intends to buy an extra 1.5 million shares in Highland to give a 21 per cent stake in the enlarged company and lifting his total stake in Highland to 30 per cent.

Mr de Savary said he intended to turn Falmouth, first exploited commercially as a mail packet station in 1688, into a major port rivalling Europe's best. "But we do not want to be too greedy; we just want to live off the crumbs."

He will service and fuel tankers up to 400,000 tonnes and the dry dock will cater for vessels of 100,000 tonnes. "There are 9,000 ships passing by out there and we just want to attract 500 of them."

The deal also includes the purchase by Highland of 23 per cent of Falmouth Container Terminals, which has plans for a container port on reclaimed land east of Falmouth Shiprepair yard. The port is planned to handle 285,000 standard containers a year "serving the biggest container ships afloat."

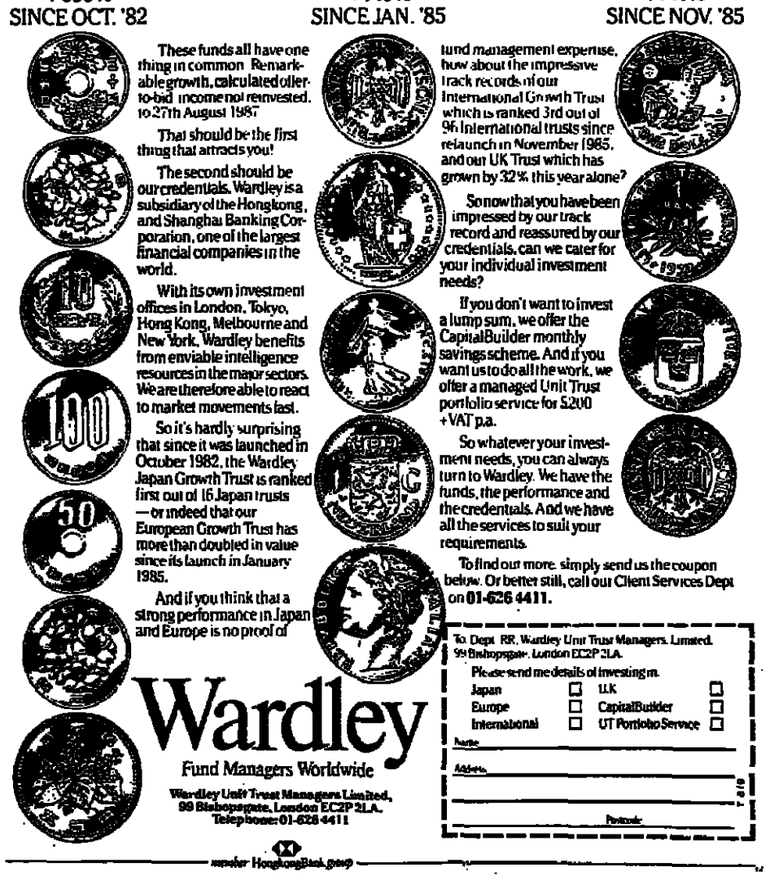
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STOCK MARKET

Pearson up on stake-building talk

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Shares of Pearson, which publishes the *Financial Times* and whose other interests range from the Lazard Bros merchant bank to Royal Doulton china, put in a late run yesterday on whispers that someone was about to announce a sizeable holding in the company.

More than £30 million was added to the group's stock market value of £1.63 billion as the price rose by 15p to 783p and 1.1 million shares changed hands.

Dealers claim that a large buyer has been stalking the shares for several days, rekindling bid hopes. Hoare Govett, the broker, is known to have been a big buyer of the shares in recent month, but yesterday it was claimed to be rival Capel-Cure Myers which had taken up the running. C-CM is controlled by the ANZ Bank, prompting speculation that the buying may have been coming from "down under."

Lord Blakenham, the chairman of Pearson, said: "We never comment on market rumours."

Pearson has been one of the market's favourite bid candidates over the past 18 months and speculation heightened last year when Hutchison Whampoa, the Far Eastern trading group, emerged as the holder of a 4.9 per cent stake. But Hutchison has since sold its stake after talks between the two sides were broken off.

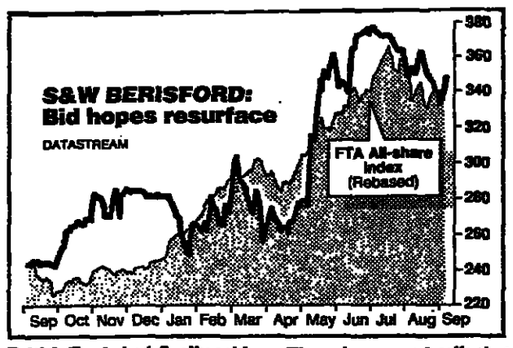
Meanwhile, the chill wind of dearer money blew in from across the Atlantic as the Fed lifted the discount rate by half a point to 6 per cent, signalling the need for a rise in US prime rates.

In London, the equity market closed below its best levels of the day with the FT index of 30 shares ending 7.6 up at 1,782.1, having been 15.2 higher earlier in the session. The broader FT-SE 100 also halved a 15.2 lead to finish 6.8 better at 2,274.9.

Worried by the Fed's moves on domestic interest rates, government securities closed with losses stretching to £½.

Whispers that Associated British Foods had finally sold its entire stake of 135 million shares (15.38 per cent) in Dee Corporation, the International Stores, Fine Fare and Gateway supermarket chain, were wide of the market, although dealers remain convinced that a deal is close.

ABF acquired the stake in June last year when it sold its Fine Fare and Shoppers Paradise subsidiaries to Dee for £680 million, but Dee's shares have been a disappointing market since and are still trading below the level the deal was struck at. This has led to widespread speculation that Mr Gary Weston, the ABF chairman, has decided to cut his losses and re-invest the money where it can earn better returns.



There is renewed talk that he has finally found a home for the Dee shares in America and that he now intends to make a move on S&W Berisford, the food and commodity trader, in which he already owns a 23.7 per cent stake, acquired from Groupo Ferruzi, the Italian foods group.

The stories inevitably induced revived speculative support for S&W Berisford which moved forward strongly to touch 350p before closing 13p better at 348p, while AB Foods ended 12p up at 368p.

Tate & Lyle, which is said to have agreed a price with Mr Weston for its 15 per cent stake in Berisford, moved forward by 12p to 850p. Dee closed 3p up at 233p.

Shares in Helene of London, the fashion house, came in for a speculative run, closing 4p higher at 70p. Hopes are high that Mr Norman Fetterman, who helped create and build up the business of Barham, the media-to-property services concern which yesterday received a bid from International Business Communications, will do the same for Helene following his recent appointment as a non-executive director.

Helene, which last month raised £3.24 million through a one-for-six rights issue at 48p to help finance the acquisition of Targatex and Arrow Textiles, fabric suppliers, is believed to be on the acquisition trail again with a further deal in the pipeline.

Shares in Rothmans International, the tobacco group, returned to favour. After a dull period which has seen them fall to 350p from the high of 413p reached after the excellent preliminary results in June – pre-tax profits more than doubled from £93.9 million to £195.5 million – they looked to be back on fund managers' "buy" lists. The shares ended the day 11p better at 387p.

Rothmans, in which both Rembrandt Group and Philip Morris, the US tobacco group, hold sizeable stakes, has often been the subject of takeover speculation. The 10 per cent stake taken by Mr Ron Brierley in an Australian associate of Rothmans has led some optimists to be believe that the New Zealand entrepreneur might have his sights on Rothmans itself.

The brewery sector, bouyed earlier in the week by the Monopolies Commission's decision not to issue an interim report on its investigation into the British brewing industry, continued to attract considerable support following confirmation that Mr John Elliott's Elders IXL, the Australian brewer, is to float off its Courage business in November.

Bass led the way with a gain of 15p at 955p, while Vaux moved up by 5p to 521p and Whitbread "A" rose by 2p to 345p, after 348p.

● Shares of E Upton, the department stores group, could be due for a re-rating soon. In July, it bought Southern & City Developments. Observers claim that the move towards inner-city developments should be good news for the group. The shares rose 5p to 115p.

● Ladbroke's £645 million purchase of the Hilton Hotels proved good news for Trusthouse Forte. The shares rose by a further 5p to 257p as dealers anticipated a significant re-rating of the group. Record tourism figures in the first six months of the year also buoyed sentiment.

WALL STREET

Dow falls 17 points on discount rate rise

New York (Agencies) – Shares moved erratically in early trading yesterday after the Federal Reserve surprised the market with an increase in the discount rate from 5.5 to 6 per cent before the market opened. Although dealers said that it was meant to prop up the dollar, the US unit drew little strength.

New York banks raised their prime rates, causing concern about an interest rate drag on business expansion, dealers said. The Dow Jones industrial average fell by 17 points to 2,582.49. IBM slipped by ⅛ to 161½.

On Thursday, the Dow average finished 2.55 lower at 2,599.49.

● August employment data suggest that the US economy continued to expand at a moderate rate during the month. Non-farm payrolls increased by 156,000 – below the consensus estimate of 200,000 – and the civilian jobless rate was unchanged at 6 per cent, in line with expectations.

	Sep 3	Sep 2		Sep 3	Sep 2		Sep 3	Sep 2
AMR Cp	57	57⅛	Firestone	45⅛	45⅛	Pepsico	38⅛	39⅛
ASA	67⅛	67⅛	Fst Chicago	30⅛	30⅛	Pfizer	69⅜	70⅜
Aetna Life	60⅛	60⅛	Fst Int Bncp	60⅛	60	Phelps Dod	43⅜	44⅛
Allied Signal	43⅝	44⅛	Fst Penn C	10⅝	10⅝	Philip Mor	114⅜	114⅜
Alls Chlm	2⅛	2⅛	FT Wachva	39⅛	39⅜	Philip Pet	17	16⅛
Alcoa	55⅜	55⅜	Ford Motor	103⅛	105⅜	Polaroid	34⅜	34⅜
Amax Inc	25⅛	24⅜	GAF Cp	54⅞	57⅛	Pnmerica	44⅛	44⅜
AMR Hess	35⅜	36⅛	GTE Cp	41	41⅝	Procr Gble	97⅛	98⅛
Am Brands	54⅜	55⅜	Gen Cp	108⅛	108	Pub Snc E	25	24⅜
Am Cyanmd	50⅜	51⅛	Gn Dynam	69⅜	69⅜	Raytheon	79⅛	80⅛
Am Ele Pwr	27⅜	26⅝	Gen Electric	61	60⅜	Rynlds Mel	45⅝	45⅝
Amexs	35⅞	36⅛	Gen Inst	42⅛	43	Rockwell Int	28⅛	27
Am Home	90⅜	90⅛	Gen Mills	55⅞	56⅛	Royal Dutch	131½	132
Am Motor	n.a	n.a	Gen Motors	88	86	SPE Sopac	51⅜	51⅝
Am Stand	52	51⅛	Gen Pub Ut	28⅜	28⅜	Sara Lee	44⅜	44⅜
Am Telph	33⅛	33⅜	Genesco	5⅜	5⅜	Schlumb	48⅛	48
Amoco Cp	61⅜	62⅛	Georgia Pac	43⅝	44⅛	Scott Pap	80⅜	80⅜
Armco Steel	11⅜	12⅜	Gillette	40⅜	40⅜	Seagram	74⅝	75⅛
Asarco Inc	28⅝	27⅞	Goodrich	61	61⅜	Sears Roeb	53⅜	54⅜
Ashland Oil	67⅞	67⅛	Goodyear	69	69⅜	Shell Trans	90⅞	90⅜
Atl Richfld	92	92⅜	Gould Inc	22⅛	22⅜	Singer	46⅞	47⅜
Avon Prod	35	36⅜	Grace Co	66⅜	66⅜	Smith Beck	59	58⅞
Bk Boston	33	32⅜	Grt Atl Pac	40⅛	40⅛	Sony Cp	34⅛	32⅞
Bank NY	42⅞	42⅛	Greyhnd	40⅛	40⅞	Sth Cal Eds	31⅞	31⅝
Bankamer	12⅝	12⅜	Grumam	27⅜	27⅛	SW Bell	39⅜	38⅜
Bkrs Tst NY	47⅛	47⅜	Gulf & West	86⅝	87⅜	Squibb	94⅜	95
Baxter	26⅞	26⅝	Heinz	49⅛	49⅜	Sqarl Drug	64	63⅞
Beth Steel	17⅝	18⅛	Hercules	67⅜	67⅛	Stevens JP	42⅜	41⅜
Boeing	50⅛	50⅛	Hewlett Pk	84⅜	85⅛	Sun Comp	60⅛	60⅛
Bosse Casc	82⅜	82⅜	Homestwst	84⅜	84⅛	TRW Inc	61⅞	62⅜
Borden	58⅛	59⅜	IC Ind	32⅜	33⅜	Teledyne	359	358
Brist Meyr	50⅜	50⅜	ITT Cp	62⅜	63	Tenneco	53	52⅝
BP	75⅜	75	INCO	20⅜	20⅜	Texaco	39⅝	40⅛
Brunswick	27⅛	28⅜	Ing Rand Wt	38⅜	38	Tex Eastn	37⅞	37⅞
Burr Ind	77⅛	77⅜	Inland Steel	30⅛	30⅛	Texas Inst	70⅜	71⅛
Burl Nth	74⅝	75⅜	IBM	161¼	162⅛	Tex Util	31⅛	31⅛
CBS	194⅛	196⅛	Int Paper	50⅛	51⅛	Textron	33⅜	33⅛
Cms Engy	17	17⅛	Irving Bk	47⅜	48⅛	Travelers	46	45⅞
CPC Int	53⅞	54⅛	Jhsn & Jhsn	95⅜	96⅛	USG	47	45⅞
CSX Cp	39	39⅛	K Mart	43¼	44	USX Cp	35⅞	36⅛
Campbell Sp	53⅜	53⅜	Kaisertech	20⅛	20⅜	Unilever Plc	41⅛	41⅜
Can Pacific	20⅜	20⅝	Kerr McGee	43⅞	43⅞	Un Carbide	28⅜	28⅝
Caterpillar	60⅜	61⅜	Kimbrly Clrk	56	56⅜	Un Pac Cp	77⅜	77⅛
Cenrl SW	31⅜	32⅛	Kraft	57⅞	58⅜	Untsys Cp	43⅞	43⅜
Champion	38⅛	39⅜	Kroger	34⅜	34⅜	Utd Brands	39⅜	40
Chase Man	39⅜	40⅛	LTV Cp	4¼	4¼	Utd Tech	55⅜	56
Chem NY	39⅜	39⅜	Litton	100⅝	99⅞	Unocal	38⅜	38⅛
Chevron	56⅜	56⅛	Lockheed	57⅜	58⅛	Walter Jim	60⅛	60⅜
Chrysler	43⅜	43⅜	Lucky Str	33⅞	33⅝	Warn Lamb	80⅜	80⅝
Cncorp	60⅜	62⅛	Man H'nvar	40⅜	40⅛	Wells Far	53⅜	54⅛
Clark Eq	29⅞	29⅞	Marlville	3⅞	3⅝	Westg El	69⅝	69¼
Coca Cola	51⅜	51⅝	Masco	57	57⅞	Weyerhsr	52⅜	53
Colgate	48⅜	47⅞	Manne Mid	77⅜	77⅜	Whirlpool	37⅞	38
Colomb Gas	53⅛	53⅛	Mt Marrietta	52⅛	52	Woolworth	53⅜	53⅜
Cmb'tn Eng	42⅝	42⅜	Masco	36⅛	35⅞	Xerox Cp	78⅛	78⅝
Cmwlth Edi	32⅜	32⅛	Mcdonalds	55⅝	56⅛	Zenith	30⅛	29⅞
Cons Edis	43⅞	43⅞	McDonnell	77⅜	78			
Consol Ng	43⅛	44⅛	Mead Cp	41⅝	42			
Cont Data	35⅜	35⅝	Merck	218	209⅝			
Corning Gl	72	70	Minsta Mng	77⅛	78⅛			
Crane	30⅛	31	Mobil	51⅜	51⅝			
Curtiss Wrt	66⅞	67	Monsanto	94⅜	94⅛			
Data Genl	31⅜	31⅝	Morgan Jp	47⅜	48			
Deere Co	33⅜	33⅜	Motorola	84⅛	84⅛			
Delta Airl	55⅛	55	NCR	80⅜	81⅛			
Detroit Edi	15⅛	15⅛	NL Indstrs	8⅜	8⅛			
Digital Eq	187⅜	187⅞	Nat Distil	74⅛	73⅜			
Disney	74⅜	76⅜	Nat Md Ent	28⅜	28⅜			
Dow Chem	95⅜	95⅞	Nat Semi	16⅛	16⅛			
Dresstr Ind	31⅛	31½	Norfolk Sth	35⅞	36			
Dupont	117⅞	118⅛	NW Bancrp	45⅜	44⅝			
Duke Pwr	45⅞	46	Occid Petl	36⅜	37⅞			
East Kodak	97⅛	96½	Ogden Cp	40⅜	41⅛			
Exxon Cp	98⅛	98⅞	Olin Cp	52⅝	53⅛			
Emerson El	114	116	PPG Ind	46⅝	48⅞			
Emery Air	11⅛	11⅝	Pac Gas El	20	20⅛			
Exxon	97⅞	98⅜	Pan Am	4⅜	4⅜			
Farah Inc	13⅞	14	Penney JC	81	82⅛			
Fedders	8⅜	8⅛	Pennzoil	68⅜	69⅜			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnico Eag	38⅛	38½
Alcan Alum	40⅛	42
Algoma Sti	19⅜	19⅜
Can Pacific	27	28⅛
Commco	21½	21⅛
Con Bathrst	19⅛	20
Hawk S Can	28⅝	29½
Hud Bay M	24⅜	24⅜
Imasco	35	34⅜
Imperial Oil	74⅜	76
Int Pipe	54⅛	54
Royl Trstco	16½	16⅜
Seagrams	98⅛	98½
Shalco 'A'	26⅛	26⅝
Thmsn N 'A'	31⅜	32
Varity Cp	3.35	3.50
WCT	17⅜	17⅜
Weston	42	43

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range September 4	Market rates close September 4	1 month	3 months
N York	1.6520-1.6580	1.6525-1.6535	0.39-0.36prem	1.15-1.10prem
Montreal	2.1706-2.1800	2.1706-2.1735	0.09-par prem	0.43-0.32prem
Ams'dam	3.3405-3.3526	3.3405-3.3450	1⅝-1⅜prem	4⅜-3⅝prem
Brussels	61.52-61.97	61.52-61.73	22-15prem	58-47prem
C'pngen	11.4237-11.4744	11.4237-11.4422	¼prem-½dis	⅝-1⅜dis
Dublin	1.1148-1.1186	1.1148-1.1186	12-7prem	23-12prem
Frankfurt	2.9671-2.9775	2.9671-2.9713	1¼-1¼prem	4⅜-4⅛prem
Lisbon	233.83-235.15	233.83-234.80	69-123dis	251-342dis
Madrid	199.13-200 13	199.13-199.58	86-118dis	197-246dis
Milan	2148.55-2158 18	2148.66-2153.27	3-7dis	13-17dis
Oslo	10.6900-10.9437	10.8900-10.9081	3⅜-4dis	10-10⅜dis
Paris	9.9150-9.9368	9.9150-9.9375	2-1½dis	5¼-4¼dis
St'khlm	10 4645-10.5115	10 4645-10.4791	1-½prem	2½-1¾prem
Tokyo	234 12-234.82	234.16-234.55	1¼-1prem	3⅝-3⅜prem
Vienna	20.87-20.99	20.87-20.90	10⅛-9⅛ prem	30⅜-28prem
Zurich	2.4578-2.4686	2.4561-2.4621	⅝-1⅛prem	4-3¾prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 73.0 (day's range 73.0-73.2).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	3.8020-3.8193
Australia dollar	2.2845-2.2875
Bahrain dinar	0.6225-0.6265
Brazil cruzado *	80.27-80.72
Cyprus pound	0.7775-0.7875
Finland marka	7.2025-7.2425
Greece drachma	225.5-227.5
Hong Kong dollar	12.899-12.909
India rupee	21.29-21.49
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4520-0.4660
Malaysia dollar	4.1450-4.1533
Mexico peso	2450.0-2500.0
New Zealand dollar	2.6505-2.6566
Saudi Arabia ryal	6.1900-6.2300
Singapore dollar	3.4618-3.4655
S Africa rand (fin)	5.5150-5.6119
S Africa rand (com)	3.3549-3.3639
U A E dirham	6.0600-6.1000

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4800-1.4830
Singapore	2.0930-2.0940
Malaysia	2.5085-2.5095
Australia	0.7235-0.7240
Canada	1.3135-1.3145
Sweden	6.3475-6.3525
Norway	6.6025-6.6075
Denmark	6.9250-6.9300
West Germany	1.7940-1.7950
Switzerland	1.4870-1.4880
Netherlands	2.0200-2.0210
France	6.0120-6.0170
Japan	141.45-141.55
Italy	1301.0-1302.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.30-37.35
Hong Kong	7.7990-7.8000
Portugal	141.50-141.90
Spain	120.55-120.65
Austria	12.61-12.63

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Sep 87	89.63	89.67	89.60	89.60	450
Dec 87	89.54	89.59	89.48	89.50	4067
Mar 88	89.62	89.63	89.53	89.55	139
Jun 88	89.58	89.60	89.53	89.54	63
Sep 88	NT	—	—	89.43	0
Dec 88	NT	—	—	89.39	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	89.37	0
Jun 89	89.40	89.40	89.40	89.36	20
			Previous day's total open interest 17035		
Three Month Eurodollar					
Sep 87	92.63	92.65	92.51	92.51	1642
Dec 87	91.93	91.94	91.69	91.74	7747
Mar 88	91.54	91.56	91.30	91.35	962
Jun 88	91.25	91.28	91.22	91.08	172
Sep 88	91.02	91.02	90.84	90.86	11
Dec 88	NT	—	—	90.69	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90.51	0
Jun 89	NT	—	—	90.35	0
			Previous day's total open interest 34193		
US Treasury Bond					
Sep 87	85-06	85-21	84-22	85-02	741
Dec 87	84-20	84-25	83-20	84-04	9778
Mar 88	NT	—	—	83-09	0
			Previous day's total open interest 5401		
Long Gilt					
Sep 87	115-11	115-17	114-25	114-30	99
Dec 87	115-10	115-26	114-25	115-02	22894
Mar 88	NT	—	—	115-05	0
Jun 88	NT	—	—	—	—
			Previous day's total open interest 31850		
FT-SE 100					
Sep 87	227.50	230.00	227.10	228.50	2071
Dec 87	232.10	233.50	232.10	233.15	20
			Previous day's total open interest 6797		
Japanese Government Bond					
Sep 87	102.40	102.65	102.15	102.15	43
Dec 87	101.72	102.05	101.46	101.50	1133
			Previous day's total open interest 489		

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	2,800	Cadbury	4,900	L&G	2,300	Saatchi	333
Allid-Lyons	2,500	Coats	321	Lloyds	8,000	Sainsbury	1,400
Amstrad	795	CU	1,200	Lonhro	663	Scot & N	3,700
Argyll	929	Cons Gold	1,000	Lucas	2,200	Sears	2,300
ASDA	2,400	Cookson	444	M&S	2,200	Sedgwick	3,800
AB Foods	776	Courtaulds	262	Metal Box	253	Shell	693
BET	2,200	Dalgety	2,100	MEPC	890	Smith & N	375
BTR	2,100	Dee	746	Midland	7,800	STC	3,400
BAT	1,800	Dixons	5,100	NatWest	2,000	Stan Chart	21
Barclays	4,400	ECC	296	Next	1,900	Storehouse	2,800
Bass	636	Fisons	735	P&O	707	Sun Alince	160
Beecham	1,400	Gen Acc	273	Pearl	1,500	Tarmac	1,400
BICC	498	GEC	8,900	Pearson	1,000	TSB	2,200
Blue Circle	2,600	GKN	481	Pilkington	2,300	Tesco	9,800
BOC	1,300	Glaxo	1,200	Plessey	5,600	Thorn EMI	537
Boots	3,800	Globe	172	Prudential	360	Trafalgar	726
BPB	1,100	Granada	570	Racal	2,500	THF	1,900
BPCC	4,000	Grand Met	2,500	Rank	661	Turner & N	197
Br Aero	658	GUS 'A'	399	RHM	320	Ultramar	2,900
Br Airways	3,200	GRE	710	Redland	2,300	Unigate	3,400
Br Comm	1,146	Guinness	3,700	Reckitt	116	Unilever	934
Br Gas	4,800	Hamm 'A'	243	Reed	710	Utd Bis	1,900
Br Petrol	3,300	Hanson	2,500	Reuters	619	Utd News	6,200
Br Telecom	9,000	Hawker	167	RMC	335	Wellcome	656
Bristol	3,400	Hillsdown	3,200	R-Royce	9,000	Whitbrd 'A'	495
Bunzl	469	ICI	1,100	Rowntree	271	Woolworth	1,300
Burmah	135	Jaguar	1,200	Royal Bank	952		
Burton	3,100	Ladbroke	5,900	Royal Ins	1,100	Equities' listings on page 27	
C&W	11,000	Land Sec	1,100	RTZ	324		

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10
Finance House 9½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 9⅛ Low 8
Week fixed: 9⅛

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mnth 9⅝; 3 mnth 9²⁷/₃₂
Selling: 2 mnth 9²⁵/₃₂; 3 mnth 9⅜

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 9³¹/₃₂-9¹⁵/₁₆; 2 mnth 9⅝-9¹³/₁₆; 3 mnth 9⅝-9⁵⁄₆₄; 6 mnth 10-9⅝

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10⅝; 2 mnth 10⅝; 3 mnth 10⅝; 6 mnth 10⅝

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 9⅝ close 4
1 week 9¾-9⅝; 6 mnth 10⅛-10⅛
1 mnth 10-9⅝; 9 mnth 10⅜-10⅛
3 mnth 10⁹/₁₆-10⁵/₁₆; 12 mnth 10¹¹/₁₆-10⁹/₁₆

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 9⅛; 7 days 9⅜
1 mnth 9⅜; 3 mnth 10⅛
6 mnth 10¼; 12 mnth 10⅜

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 10-9¾; 2 mnth 10¼-9⅝
3 mnth 10⅜-10; 6 mnth 10⅛-10⅛
9 mnth 10⅛-10⅛; 12 mnth 10⅜-10⅛

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 9¹³/₁₆-9¹¹/₁₆; 3 mnth 10⅛-10¼
6 mnth 10¼-10¼; 12 mnth 10¼-10⅜

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 7.15-7.10; 3 mnth 7.25-7.20
6 mnth 7.65-7.60; 12 mnth 8.20-8.15

BULLION

Gold:$465.00-465.50
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 463.00-466.00 (£280.50-282.50)
Maplelaaf (per 1 ounce coin):
$ 478.00-483.00 (£289.50-292.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 108.00-109.00 (£65.50-66.25)
Platinum
$ 604.25 (£365.65)
Silver
$ 7.73-7.75 (£4.685-4.70)

TREASURY BILLS

Applcts: £1,345m — allotted: £200m
Bids: £97.555% — received: 19%
Last week: £97.54% — received: 100%
Avge rate: £9.7614% — last wk £9.8670%
Next week: £200m — replace £400m

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 28, 1987. Agreed rates for period September 23, 1987 to October 26, 1987. Scheme I: 11.24 per cent. Schemes II & III: 11.31 per cent. Reference rate for period August 1, 1987 to August 28, 1987. Scheme IV: 10.037 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call	7-6	
7 days	6¹⁵/₁₆-6¹³/₁₆	1 mnth	7¼-7⅛
3 mnth	7⅜-7¼	6 mnth	7⅜-7⅜
Deutschemark	call	4-3	
7 days	4-3⅝	1 mnth	4-3⅝
3 mnth	4-3⅝	6 mnth	4⅝-4⅜
French Franc	call	7⅛-6½	
7 days	7⅜-7¼	1 mnth	8¹/₁₆-7¹⁵/₁₆
3 mnth	8¹/₁₆-8	6 mnth	8¹/₁₆-7¹/₁₆
Swiss Franc	call	2¼-1⅛	
7 days	1⅝-1⅜	1 mnth	3⅝-3½
3 mnth	3¹¹/₁₆-3⁹/₁₆	6 mnth	4-3⅞
Yen	call	3⅜-2⅜	
7 days	3⁹/₁₆-3⅜	1 mnth	4¹/₁₆-3¹⁵/₁₆
3 mnth	4⁹/₁₆-4⅛	6 mnth	4⅛-4⅛

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 1	September 18	December 3	December 14

Call options were taken out on: 4/9/87 Tilbury, HP Bulmer, Control Secs, Raglan, Rothmans, NMW Computers, Tarmac, British Land, Acorn Computers, Eagle Trust, Storehouse, Stacks Leisure, Norfolk Cap., Bellhaven, Rosgrill, Holmes Protection, Stormgard, Pentland, Greenwich Res., Leading Leisure, Polly Peck, Amstrad, Dares Estates, Inoco, Bristol Channel, Central & Sherwood.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Allied Lyons (*419)	390	40	52	63	7	12	18
	420	21	33	45	18	27	33
	460	6	18	30	47	52	55
British Airways (*190)	180	18	32	40	5	13	16
	190	11	—	—	9	—	—
	200	7	20	28	17	23	26
British Comm (*488)	480	48	65	80	10	18	22
	500	25	42	57	22	32	36
	550	7	20	23	65	68	70
British Gas (*173)	165	14	23	—	3½	9	—
	180	6	15	20	12	16	19
	200	2	7	13	29	32	34
BP (*371)	330	50	68	76	5	10	17
	360	29	44	55	12	19	27
	390	14	27	38	29	35	41
Bristol (*329)	300	41	54	60	7	12	18
	330	22	36	42	18	25	30
	360	11	23	30	37	42	45
Cons Gold (*1443)	1350	145	205	235	48	80	100
	1400	110	180	205	70	105	130
	1450	85	160	180	95	130	160
Courtaulds (*473)	420	62	80	—	3	10	—
	460	35	56	68	18	22	26
	500	15	32	48	36	40	48
	550	6	18	32	80	82	84
Com Union (*361)	330	39	54	63	3	10	15
	360	18	34	44	13	20	25
	390	6	17	29	32	36	41
Cable & Wire (*439)	360	84	100	115	1	6	12
	390	58	77	92	6	15	20
	420	36	57	72	14	23	30
	460	14	33	52	35	40	45
GEC (*211)	200	20	30	40	5	10	14
	220	8	20	29	14	20	24
	240	2½	11	20	29	33	37
Grand Met (*542)	460	90	105	—	1½	4	—
	500	53	72	80	7	12	18
	550	23	42	52	25	35	42
	600	6	22	32	62	65	72
ICI (*1559)	1400	183	225	—	4	15	—
	1450	140	195	207	9	23	43
	1500	100	150	172	18	37	57
	1550	67	118	140	37	57	75
Land Securities (*560)	500	68	83	98	5	13	17
	550	30	52	70	17	28	33
	600	9	28	43	43	53	57
Marks & Spen (*233)	220	22	39	37	4	10	12
	240	11	18	27	13	19	21
	260	5	11	18	30	31	32
Rolls Royce (*114)	100	20	25	31	4	6	8
	110	13	19	25	7	11	14
	120	8	14	18	13	17	19
	130	4	10	—	17	22	—
Shell Trans (*1373)	1350	68	120	153	48	73	105
	1400	48	98	126	75	95	128
	1450	28	78	110	108	128	157
Trafalgar House (*367)	330	47	55	—	2	8	—
	360	23	35	47	10	18	20
	390	8	20	30	28	37	40
TSB (*137)	130	12	17	21	3	4½	6
	140	6	13	18	8	10	13
	150	3	8	11	17	19	20
Woolworth (*363)	325	47	—	—	4	—	—
	330	—	57	67	—	9	13
	350	30	—	—	12	—	—
	375

Guinness sells Drummond arm to Macarthy for £42m

By Lawrence Lever

Guinness completed another stage of its retail disposal programme yesterday with the sale of its Drummond Pharmacy Group to Macarthy, the healthcare group, for £42.6 million cash.

Macarthy is funding the purchase via a one-for-one rights issue at 400p. The deal increases its size by two-thirds, promoting it to the ranks of companies capitalized at more than £100 million.

The stock market reacted with enthusiasm. Guinness shares rose 10p to 365p, while the top-ranked breweries and distillers team at Wood Mackenzie, the stockbrokers, said Guinness had received "an excellent price."

Macarthy's shares leapt 28p to 538p as the market digested the most significant step in the revitalization of its fortunes since a group of institutions orchestrated a management buy-in at Macarthy last year, installing Mr Nicholas Ward as chairman.

Drummond is familiar territory to Mr Ward. He was a main-board director at Guinness in charge of the Martin retail division, which included Drummond, until joining Macarthy at the beginning of last year.



Anthony Tennant: decision on rest of Martin soon

Drummond made pretax profits of more than £3 million in the 15 months to December 31, 1986, and has net assets of £9.1 million. Guinness is securing an exit price/earnings ratio of about 27 for the sale.

The decision to dispose of the retail side followed the arrival of Mr Anthony Tennant as chief executive of Guinness in February. In the past three months it has sold its Clares Equipment business for £28 million and its 7-Eleven convenience stores chain for an undisclosed sum.

The biggest jewel in the Guinness retail crown is, however, the Martins Retail Group, which encompasses a 1,100-shop CTN chain, and is expected to fetch about £250 million.

Sources suggested yesterday that an announcement would be made within a week, with the prime contenders for the purchase being the Martins management; Mr Arundbhai Patel, who owns the Finlays newsagents chain; and the Swiss Schmidheiny family, owners of newsagents in Switzerland.

Drummond has a wholesale side, focusing mainly on pharmaceutical products, and 114 retail pharamacy outlets, of which 111 operate under the R Gordon Drummond name in Scotland and the South-west of England.

Mr Ward said he was "enormously enthusiastic" about the deal. It would increase the company's size substantially, particularly on the retail side where it would become the second-largest pharmaceutical retailer in Britain. He added that there would be no overlap with Macarthy's Savory & Moore, 63-strong retail pharmaceutical chain.

Mr Ward said the Drummond purchase extended the group's geographical coverage in Britain and provided a better business balance by strengthening Macarthy's retail side.

Macarthy intends to integrate the Drummond wholesale business into its manufacturing and distribution divisions.

Macarthy's one-for-one rights issue will raise £51.5 million, of which £8.8 million will be used to reduce borrowings and the balance for the Drummond purchase.

£8m float for farms venture

By Michael Tate

Mr David Pinsent plans to bring his Californian farming venture, Anglo American Agriculture, to the London market before the end of the year, with a price tag of about £8 million.

AAA, founded when Mr Pinsent injected his interests into the de-listed Scottish Ceylon Tea shell company in 1983, owns and runs grape, date and peach farms in California.

The jewel in the crown, however, is a 38 per cent stake in Doane-Western, which offers comprehensive services to the farm and ranch industry. It combines the more familiar roles of an estate agent with mortgage broking and servicing.

AAA already has an impressive shareholder list, including Scottish American Investment, Throgmorton Trust, Save & Prosper, M&G, Christian Salvesen and James Finlay.

They will collect an increased dividend of 1.75p a share for 1986. AAA said yesterday profits were up 59 per cent to £278,000.

Diamond prices to rise 10%

By Colin Campbell

The price of rough gem diamonds is being increased by an overall 10 per cent from October 5, the Central Selling Organisation, the marketing arm of the De Beers' group, announced yesterday.

The price increase was not unexpected in view of the recent strength in demand for stones, and follows continued – and growing – interest in a number of world markets.

Japan, in particular, has been a heavy buyer. Imports of polished diamonds in the January-July period of this year have increased by 60 per cent in dollar terms, and by 34 per cent in yen terms.

The overall 10 per cent price increase will be weighted towards the larger stones, for which an increasing demand is being seen.

Boart and drilling diamonds marketed by the CSO are not affected by the latest price increase.

De Beers last raised its gem prices in November by an average 7 per cent after a 7.5 per cent increase in April last year.

De Beers' share price eased 10p to 929p.

Bond makes $1.2bn offer for US brewer Heileman

From Richard Battley, Sydney

Mr Alan Bond, the Australian businessman, yesterday made a $US1.2 billion (£727.2 million) bid for the United States' Heileman Brewing Company Inc. If the offer is accepted, he will become the fourth-biggest brewer in the world.

Amber Acquisitions Corp, a subsidiary of Bond Corp Holdings, is offering US$38 a share for Heileman, whose brand names include Lone Star and Colt 45. It is conditional on 75 per cent acceptance.

The bid fosters Mr Bond's ambitions to form a global brewing giant, through Bond Brewing Holdings, and gain an edge over his arch-rival, Mr John Elliott, the Elders IXL chief.

Both Mr Bond (Swan Lager, Castlemain XXXX) and Mr Elliott (Foster's, Courage) are seeking a bigger market share in the US and Britain. Mr Bond is also trying to gain a significant stake in Asia's biggest brewer, the Manila-based San Miguel Brewing Corporation.

A Bond Corp spokesman said the bid would be funded by a bank facility of $US700 million and $US450 million from Salomon Brothers Holding Company Inc, a financial services group.

The bid comes 10 days after Mr Bond won control of the St Joe Gold Corporation of the US for $Aus700 million (£307 million).

He already controls the Golden Mile – the rich Kalgoorlie vein in Western Australia. Forecast production for the Bond group this year is 600,000 ounces of gold.

Mr Bond, who became an Australian hero when his syndicate won the America's Cup, has written to Mr Russell Cleary, Heileman's chairman, asking that the US brewing group "join in creating a partnership with Bond that will be a major brewing force in the world."

He said: "Together, Bond Brewing and Heileman would be the fourth-largest brewer, enabling it to exploit markets beyond either of our reaches."

Olives rejects Melton Medes deal

By Our City Staff

The beleaguered board of Olives Paper Mill has rejected capital injection proposals from Melton Medes, its largest shareholder, even though they are more generous than proposals from Mr Michael Kent, the property developer, which it is recommending.

Melton's chairman, Mr Nathu Puri, said yesterday he would attend next Friday's extraordinary meeting to block the Kent proposals.

Melton owns 19 per cent of Olives and Mr Puri said shareholders owning about 11 per cent had promised to support him in the absence of a higher offer from Mr Kent.

Mr Aubrey Heyer, chairman of Olives, said the board believed the long-term interests of shareholders, the company, and its employees were best served by Mr Kent's proposals.

Melton proposes to inject £5 million, paying £1 each for 5 million new Olives shares. The Kent plan would involve issuing 4.4 million new Olives shares, for which the Kent camp would pay 85p each.

Firm seeks to lift bank stake

From Our Correspondent Sydney

The Adelaide Steamship Co yesterday asked Mr Paul Keating, the Australian Treasurer, for permission to buy 5 per cent more of the National Australia Bank, one of Australia's big four banks, which bought the Clydesdale Bank, the Northern Bank, and the Northern Bank (Ireland) from Midland in July.

It also disclosed that it has a 9.8 per cent stake in the NAB, valued at Aus$300 million (£131 million).

Under the recently-amended Banks (Shareholding) Act, an investor may acquire up to 10 per cent of a bank's capital. Beyond that the Treasurer's approval is necessary. However, Mr Keating cannot withhold approval for a stake of up to 15 per cent unless, in his opinion, it is against the national interest.

To go above 15 per cent, the investor has to prove that such a holding is in the national interest.

In a letter to the stock exchange, Mr John Spalvins, ASC's chief executive, said NAB had been advised of his company's stake and told it was seeking board representation "commensurate with its shareholding."

COMMENT

Sir Gordon's blight

News that the Monopolies and Mergers Commission does not intend to publish an interim report on its two-year investigation into our brewing industry has fallen like a wet blanket on those in the business and others who follow its fortunes in the City. For the Beerage, it means another year of suspense, even anxiety, and, though no-one is as yet admitting so, the probable deferment of sensible capital investment projects. It is, if you like, a case of brewers' droop brought on by Borrie's blight.

When he initiated the investigation, Sir Gordon Borrie, and his senior colleagues at the Office of Fair Trading, appeared to be concerned about two sets of problems, one somewhat academic, the other highly political. The first relates to the time-honoured tied estate system under which the brewers own directly large numbers of their outlets and, as in any vertically integrated company, prefer to sell their own products rather than those of others. This could be said to make it difficult for independent producers to gain a foothold in many of the main distribution chains, though companies such as Guinness and Scottish & Newcastle have shown that it is far from impossible. The political issue boils down in its last analysis to the contention that beer prices may be too high given the margins on which the most efficient of our brewers operate these days.

The investigation has hovered like a Damoclean threat over the brewery sector which has underperformed the market substantially in the past 12 months. Now, though prospects for earnings growth in the major companies remains excellent, their shares trade at a heavy discount to the market. For investors prepared to part company with the herd, this could provide an attractive opportunity to buy the sector. If the MMC reccomends little or no change when it reports next year, the major brewers look cheap; if large-scale change is forced on the industry, the major companies look well placed to take advantage of it. It is not possible to foresee with complete accuracy what changes may be suggested by the MMC, but many of the likely ones could lead eventually to further concentration not less.

The commission could require a process of polarization to take place by which brewers must become manufacturers or retailers. This would lead to the sale of much brewing capacity to the many overseas companies which are already nibbling away at the British market. Most of the larger companies would opt to be higher-margin, property-owning retailers rather than manufacturers and hauliers. This option would hit the regional brewer hard, since he would lack the marketing resources to compete with nationally-promoted brands and would almost certainly lose market share.

The most complex option and in the short run the most damaging from the brewers' standpoint would to force each pub to become a free house. That would be a recipe for a price war in which the victors would certainly be those with the deepest pockets. The losers once again would be the regional brewers who could stand neither the marketing costs nor the instant attrition of their profit margins. The way would be paved for increased domination of the pub trade by those whose powers Sir Gordon now seeks to limit. If Whitehall or the MMC back away from such a prospect, then brewing shares are certainly cheap today.

Too little, too late

Yesterday's increase in US interest rates looks like one of those rare occasions when action by the Federal Reserve has few immediate implications for interest rates in other countries. Admittedly gilts fell on the calculation that US bonds might now be rather less unattractive than they have been recently in comparison with British paper. But a rise in British interest rates is not brought perceptibly closer by the US move.

The reason for the 0.5 per cent increase from 5½ per cent to 6 per cent in the Fed discount rate, which was quickly followed by increases in prime rates from 8¼ per cent to 8¼ per cent, is the recent pressure on the dollar and US bond markets after July's dreadful trade figures. Currency depreciation is potentially inflationary and consumer prices have been rising relatively fast this year at an annual rate of 5.4 per cent in the first six months, compared with only 1.1 per cent in the same period last year when oil and commodity prices were falling. With half the rest of the world suffering from over-cooling rather than over-heating, the Fed's action can be regarded as mainly a domestic American affair.

Whether it will have much impact in stabilizing the dollar and restoring confidence in the US economy seems doubtful at this stage. The initial reaction in markets was to drop the dollar 0.9 pfennigs to about DM1.7910 and by the end of the afternoon the rate, in London was still 0.5 pfennigs below the rate just before the announcement.

The new Fed chairman Dr Alan Greenspan has acted just in time to preserve the hope that he will be a worthy successor to Mr Paul Volcker. Nevertheless, the ½ per cent move may well be, as Stephen Lewis of Phillips & Drew put it, "too little, too late". It is now three weeks since the last US trade figures – the next set is due at the end of next week – and in that time the yen has risen 6.4 per cent against the dollar, the mark 4.9 per cent and even sterling is 4.4 per cent stronger. Unless the trade figures are substantially better than those of the past two months, ½ per cent may not be enough.

TEMPUS

Sedgwick takes a beating after US market goes into decline

Sedgwick Group's interim results prove just how bad the commercial market is becoming in the United States.

The stock market had expected flat figures but was not prepared for the 12.5 per cent fall in pretax profits, made on revenues 8.4 per cent higher. The shares slumped 15p to 289p.

US profits fell to £16.7 million from £28.6 million as property rates nosedived. Rating declines on medium-sized property accounts, in which subsidiary Fred S James specializes, were anything from 10 to 25 per cent. On the larger accounts rates fell 25 to 30 per cent and on occasion up to 50 per cent.

Assuming that the string of US acquisitions made in the second half of last year had been made in the first, the profits decline would have been an even heftier £22.2 million.

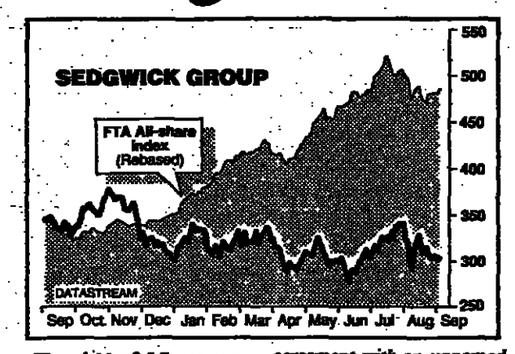
In Britain, continued recession in the oil and gas industries and the shortage of marine business pushed profits down to £49.5 million from £50.1 million.

Expenses were 17.5 per cent higher, reflecting the high price of buying new employees and holding on to existing ones. On the reinsurance side, Sedgwick was hit by an exodus of senior staff and business from Sullivan Payne in North America.

Sedgwick is putting a brave face on its results, maintaining that its buying spree in America was justified. It is the only European broker with a big presence in America.

It says that co-ordination between the US and Britain is encouraging the growth of new business and that action is being taken to reduce costs.

Analysts are busy downgrading their profits estimates to about £110 million in the full year, compared with £135.5 million. With an underlying rise (stripping out currency, acquisitions and disposals) in revenue of 2 per cent and expenses of 11 per cent, the immediate prospects are not rosy.



The yield of 5.7 per cent, assuming a maintained final dividend, and speculation that Transamerica will bid for Sedgwick when allowed to in two years' time, should support the shares from futher falls.

Until evidence of new business and cost-cutting can be seen, the shares are unlikely to recover.

IBC

Share-tipping newsletters and savings-advice publications have proliferated over the past few years, an inevitable result of the booming economy, the surging bull market and, primarily, the more relaxed personal savings market.

Michael Bell, at International Business Communications, has built a formidable reputation in the sector. He was in on the ground floor, having established IBC in 1978.

His agreed £98 million offer for Barham Group puts him in the big league. Barham is twice the size of IBC, but that is no reason why it should not respond to the Bell management technique.

Accountants Norman Fetterman and Tony Ward had put together a formidable communications, publishing and typesetting company at Barham, and made themselves personal fortunes in the process, but were unable to extract the kind of returns Bell has achieved at IBC.

Their failure to reach agreement with an unnamed suitor last March alerted Bell to the possibility of IBC launching a bid. But it was not until after the June election that he made up his mind to act.

Before embarking on such an ambitious venture he had to be confident that the conditions in which his success had been achieved would continue.

One of the most exciting aspects of the deal is merging the mailing lists. Together they have half a million names and addresses. Another is the important extension Barham's market research, advertising design and typesetting activities will bring to IBC.

The share and cash package values Barham at 268p, a 25 per cent premium over the market price. Both sides can be pleased with the deal.

Blue Circle

A newly-vitalized board is the public face of the deep-reaching changes being implemented at Blue Circle. It is wrong still to think of BCI as one of the more conservative building materials companies.

BCI's disparate assets are being sharpened up to earn a proper return. Those not coming up to scratch are being sold.

The disposal of a handful of minority stakes, coupled with tighter financial control, has dramatically reduced gearing from 42 per cent at the year end to 17 per cent.

The £7.5 million lower interest payment and lack of exceptionals were the main factors pushing pretax profits ahead, but even the modest operating advance masked some interesting trends.

Domestic non-cement activities are now nearly as important as the traditional business.

Improved efficiency in home cement increased operating profit per tonne more than two and a half times on the back of 5 per cent higher volume.

There is scope to improve profitability further as the new pricing structure was not in effect until the beginning of August and modernized plants at Cauldon, Staffordshire and Dunbar, East Lothian, are still not firing on all cylinders.

Armitage Shanks is also being scrutinized to see how its pedestrian performance can be improved.

The figures, however, had little joy for those comforted by BCI's recent preference for US rather than Third World assets, hoping this would reduce earnings volatility.

Interim pretax profits at Williams Brothers, the leader in the Atlanta ready-mixed concrete market, slumped from $12 million (£7.2 million) to $1.2 million, accounting for 88 per cent of the £10 million drop in US operating profits.

The price war which caused this carnage is subsiding, but profits will not pick up until next year.

Supported by a strong balance sheet, BCI wants to broaden is base at home. The desire not to upset cement customers narrows the hit list, but bricks, timber, plastics and, to a lesser extent, concrete products, are all attractive market segments.

On forecasts of £150 million the shares are selling well below the sector averge. But more solid signs of the BCI of the future are needed to justify a full rerating at this stage.

Sedgwick Group

HALF-YEAR RESULTS
(unaudited)

	1987	1986	Full year 1986
Revenue	£357.7m	£330.0m	£640.4m
Profit before taxation	£81.0m	£92.6m	£135.5m
Earnings for the period	£52.8m	£57.5m	£84.4m
Earnings per ordinary share	12.4p	15.6p	21.9p
Dividend per ordinary share	4.0p	4.0p	12.0p

The information shown above for the year ended 31 December 1986 is extracted from the full financial statements for that year which received an unqualified report by the group's auditors and which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies.

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ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	108.1	114.3●	+0.5	10.50
High Inc Equity	142.2	151.2	+1.2	3.54
Worldwide Bond	185.5	197.3●	+1.1	4.82
American Growth	180.2	191.6	-2.1	0.74
Asian Pacific	94.8	100.8	-0.2	1.36
Assets & Earns	187.8	199.7	+2.1	0.97
Capital Reserve	73.5	73.6	+0.1	1.37
Comm & Energy	190.6	202.6	+3.2		
European Capital	97.1	103.2	+0.9	0.73
General	167.5	169.4	+1.4	2.28
Japan	92.4	98.2	-2.3		
UK Growth Inc	166.8	157.6	+1.2	1.23
Do Accum	210.0	227.2	+1.5	0.85
US Emerging Co's	59.6	63.4●	+0.7	0.27
Income & Growth	309.9	329.6	+2.5	2.24
Mastercard Acc	68.6	98.3	-0.1	1.34
American Inc	53.4	56.8●	-0.5	4.61

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE
01-837 8494

Europa Growth Acc	136.2	145.0	-0.4	0.98
Exempt	452.9	475.8●	+2.7	3.36
Far Eastern	259.9	278.0●	+2.9	0.10
Fin & Prop	105.7	113.0●	+0.2	1.46
High Yield	88.7	91.8	+0.5	3.83
Income & Gth	353.3	374.3●	+2.9	3.44
Ind Earnings	235.9	249.9	+1.8	1.76
Intl Growth Inc	114.2	121.6	+0.4	1.90
Japan Growth Acc	150.0	160.4	-4.4	0.20
Nth Amer Gth Inc	150.8	161.3	-1.5	0.60
Preference Inc	125.8	132.4		9.93
Small Co's Gr Inc	104.5	110.8	+0.2	3.65
Small Co's Gth	394.6	418.0●	+0.8	1.04
Special Sits Inc	199.6	211.4	+1.6	0.66
UK Growth	471.6	499.6●	+3.4	2.23

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
20, Cheswell Street, London EC1
01-374 6901

American	55.8	59.2	-0.3	1.60
Australian	34.9	37.2●	+0.2	0.10
Japan & General	151.8	161.5●	-1.0	0.03
High Income	67.9	72.2	+0.6	4.26
International Trust	118.7	126.3	+0.3	0.43
Income Gth Tst	78.0	83.0	+0.9	2.65
Gilts & Fixed Int	22.2	23.7	+0.1	10.13
Global Markets	46.1	49.1	-0.1	4.05
Special Situations	81.6	86.9	+0.9	1.05

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

Capital	96.6	101.5●	+0.5	2.20
European Gth Inc	80.6	85.5●	-0.2	1.08
Extra Income	108.4	115.7	+0.4	3.90
General	201.6	213.5	+0.9	2.24
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.3	54.0●	+0.4	10.15
Income Trust	472.3	499.7●	+2.4	2.97
Intl Income	58.9	62.3	+0.1	0.86
Smlr Co Inc	49.9	52.8		

BARRING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XD
01-658 6002

Australia	121.1	128.5	+1.8	0.00
Eastern	113.4	121.2●	+0.1	0.93
Equity Income	80.3	85.4	+0.4	4.39
Europe	156.5	166.4	-0.6	4.30
Exempt Trust	65.4	69.5●		3.00
Growth & Inc	97.5	93.0	+0.4	1.90
Global Gth	97.0	92.5	-0.1	1.50
Japan Special	131.1	140.2	-1.1	0.50
Japan Sunrise	134.0	143.3	-2.0	0.00
First Europe	139.5	141.9		0.29
First Japan	102.1	109.1	-1.8	0.29
First N Amer	54.9	58.4	-0.4	1.10
First Smaller Co's	118.7	126.2	+0.5	0.88
N Amer Spec Tst	50.6	53.8	-0.6	0.39

BARRINGTON TRUSTS (Z)
Managers Kleinwort Barrington Limited 10,
Fenchurch St, London EC3
01-623 8000 Dealers:01-929 0776
Income Funds

Gilt Yield Inc	102.0	105.2●	+0.4	9.83
Do Accum	150.4	156.3●	+0.5	9.93
Global Inc	175.9	187.1●	-1.9	3.65
Do Accum	203.2	222.5	-2.5	3.65
High Yield Inc	131.1	138.5		4.10
Do Accum	271.1	288.4	-0.1	4.10

Capital Growth Funds

Amer Smlr Co Inc	68.1	72.4●	-1.1	0.06
Do Accum	70.0	74.5	-1.1	0.06
N American Inc	57.9	60.6	+0.1	0.79
Do Accum	66.5	70.9	+0.2	0.76
European Inc	112.7	119.9	-0.6	1.40
Do Accum	139.9	148.8	-0.8	1.40
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	30.7	32.6●	-0.1	2.09
Do Accum	39.6	42.1●	-0.1	2.09
General Inc	231.5	246.3	+0.4	2.53
Do Accum	322.0	342.5	+0.6	2.53
Int Rec Inc	153.9	164.2	-0.5	1.28
Do Accum	164.0	174.5	-0.5	1.28
Japan Inc	272.9	290.3	-5.4	0.21
Do Accum	275.9	293.5	-5.6	0.21
Japanese Spec Inc	122.5	130.4	-3.1	0.04
Do Accum	123.2	131.1	-3.0	0.04
Pacific Inc	183.3	195.0	-1.3	0.30
Do Accum	267.2	220.4	-1.5	0.30
Planned Investment	181.9	193.5●	-0.6	1.86
Smaller Co's Inc	143.2	152.3	+0.4	1.00
Do Accum	171.5	182.4	+0.6	1.00
UK Equity Gth Inc	39.6	42.1●	+0.1	0.17
Do Accum	65.6	70.0	+0.3	0.17
Worldwide Tech Inc	54.2	68.3●		0.14
Do Accum	84.8	65.9●		0.14

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
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Financial	231.5	246.3●	+1.3	1.08
Smaller Co's Acc	471.9	499.4	+3.4	0.56
Do Income	398.5	317.0	+2.1	0.56
High Income	99.6	105.9●	+0.5	4.06
Income	120.4	128.1	+0.7	3.10
Man Portfolio Inc	114.9	122.3●	+0.9	0.84
Do Acc	194.9	207.3●	+2.5	0.84
North American	69.0	73.4	+0.2	0.53
Orient	116.2	122.6	-2.2	0.23
Exempt	371.1	394.8	+2.6	1.49
Recovery	90.6	95.9	+0.9	0.88
German	34.0	36.2	-0.2	0.62
Technology	165.6	176.2	-2.7	0.24
Europe	25.6	27.2	-0.1	0.97

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868

Fellowship Inc	73.9	78.6		1.37
General Inc (4)	339.7	356.2	+3.4	1.83
Do Accum (4)	550.2	577.1	+5.5	1.83
Income Fund (3)	151.4	158.5		4.03
Do Accum (3)	275.7	288.8		4.02
Intl Inc (2)	171.7	180.0●		1.00
Do Accum (2)	224.8	240.8		1.00
Smaller Inc (5)	119.7	126.1		1.28
Do Accum	128.9	135.8		1.28

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

Growth	39.7	42.0●	+0.2	2.12
Income	46.5	49.5●	+0.1	0.19
Far East	31.9	34.0●	-0.1	0.00
North American	33.1	35.3●	-0.2	0.56
Global	56.9	60.4●	-0.4	0.54
European	57.6	60.9●	-0.4	0.89
Japan	77.7	82.4●	-1.3	0.59

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

Capital	512.0	544.7	+4.1	1.50
Income	410.5	436.8	+2.9	3.67
North American	317.5	337.8	-3.9	1.40

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Inv Fund	541.65		-16.85	3.70
Fixed Int	139.9		-4.9	10.25
Deposit	100.0			9.10

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Income	506.35		-17.60	3.97
Accum	£16.0648		-0.266	
Deposit	100.0			9.30

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
73/73, Basinghall St London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6622

S & C Special Sits	82.4	87.2		0.55

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

Amer Growth	26.5	28.1	-0.4	0.00
Dragon Growth Fund	31.8	33.7	-0.3	0.00
Equity High Income	68.5	71.4●	+0.9	3.20
European Growth	33.5	35.5		0.50
General Equity	57.7	60.3●	+0.4	1.90
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	30.4	32.4●	+0.1	4.20
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.1	25.4●	+0.1	9.00
Intl Inc Tst	27.0	28.6●	-0.1	4.40
Japan Growth	44.6	47.2	-1.0	0.00
Pedigree Gth	36.6	38.8	+0.1	4.60
Special Sits Tst	46.7	49.5		1.00

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-588 9818

UK & Gen Inc	66.5	70.8	+1.0	1.87
Do Accum	68.7	73.1	+1.0	1.87
Income Inc	66.9	71.2●	+1.0	2.59
Do Accum	67.7	72.1●	+1.0	2.59
Worldwide Inc	50.3	54.5	-0.2	1.01
Do Accum	50.4	54.6	-0.2	1.01
Gamma Fund Inc	48.1	51.2	+0.3	0.84
Do Accum	48.1	51.2	+0.3	0.84

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1999

Euro G nth S trst	82.4	87.3	-0.1	0.76
Extra Income	268.1	271.1	+2.1	3.88
Financial	274.2	290.2●	+0.7	1.43
Sth East Asia Grth	99.9	105.8	-2.0	1.17
Gl Str Cos	421.1	445.7	+3.2	1.71
Income & Growth	58.7	62.2●	+0.5	2.79
Japanese Growth	258.3	274.3●	-4.0	0.26
Nth Amer Growth	128.4	135.0	-1.9	0.88
Intl Recovery	184.2	185.0	+1.1	1.82
Smaller Co Inc	117.7	442.1●		1.43
Global Inc Tst	70.7	74.9●		4.70
Special Sits Acc	473.1	500.7	+4.9	1.22

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
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04862 5033

American Trust	148.5	157.9	..	0.63
Canadian Gth	24.1	25.6	..	1.50
European Trust	143.7	152.9	..	
Growth Trust	318.7	339.0●	..	2.12
High income Trust	375.8	399.8	..	3.73
Intl Tech Trust	140.0	148.9	..	
Japanese Trust	211.5	225.0	..	

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL
(0737-242424

European Growth	68.9	73.4	-0.5	1.20
Euro Special Sits	49.7	52.9	-0.4	1.30
International	48.5	51.7	-0.1	3.50
N American Growth	47.8	50.9	-0.2	1.00
Pacific Growth	69.9	74.4	-0.6	0.10
UK Growth Account	88.0	93.7●	+0.8	2.00
Do Dist	86.0	91.5●	+0.8	2.00
UK Income	84.6	90.0●	-0.5	4.60

CUNNINGHILL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3492

American Fund	76.4	81.3	-1.0	1.23
Capital Fund	161.5	171.9	+0.8	0.38
Eurofund	20.5	22.1		1.56
Growth & Inc Fund	202.0	215.1●	+0.8	2.91
High Dist Fund	175.9	187.3	+1.1	3.69
International Fund	249.7	265.9	-1.3	0.69
Pacific Fund	33.9	36.0		0.69
Resources Fund	38.3	40.7		0.00
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	41.0	43.6	-0.5	
Tokyo Fund	196.0	210.8●	-4.8	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	161.3	165.7		0.16
(Ex) Japan (3)	120.1	128.4		0.00
(Ex) Pacific (4)	437.3	449.3●		0.20
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	247.7	254.5		0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 221311

UK Balanced Inc	102.0	108.2	+1.0	1.89
Do Accum	105.4	111.8	+1.1	1.89
UK Growth Accum	149.9	159.0	+0.9	1.13
UK High Inc Inc	115.2	122.2	+1.0	2.95
N American Accum	80.0	85.3	-0.4	0.70
Far Eastern Accum	138.0	147.2●	-1.6	0.23
European Accum	96.1	101.4●	+0.4	1.53
UK Gil & Fi Inc	54.3	57.5	+0.1	8.47
Do Accum	59.4	63.0	+0.1	7.73
Intl Spec Sit Acc	52.0	55.5	+0.3	1.45

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB
0708 66966

Endurance	145.7	155.1		0.86

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Watson Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW
0296 431480

Equitable Pelican	110.8	117.9	+0.5	2.54
High Income Trust	110.5	117.7	+0.6	3.09
Gil & Fixed Int	56.5	59.8●	+0.3	11.36
Tst Of Inv Trusts	103.4	110.0●	+0.3	1.36
Special Sits Trust	120.5	128.2c	+1.1	1.72
Nth Amer Trust	68.7	73.1c	-1.1	1.30
Far Eastern Trust	119.2	126.9●	-0.5	0.79
Ind Growth	66.1	70.4	-0.2	0.94
European Trust	51.3	54.6		0.82

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St Coventry CV1 1RD
0203 553231

UK Growth Accum	209.2	222.5	+1.4	2.36
Do Income	177.1	188.1	+1.2	3.32
Higher Inc Accum	366.0	391.4	+2.8	3.32
Do Income	286.4	304.6	+2.2	3.32
Gilts/Fixed Accum	103.5	109.9●	+0.4	8.47
Do Income	80.4	84.6●	+0.3	8.47
Nth Amer Tst Accum	154.8	164.6	-1.7	0.06
Far East Tst Accum	211.6	225.1	-3.3	0.00
Euro Tst Accum	175.3	189.4	+1.9	0.35
General Trust	320.6	341.2c	+1.5	2.52
Sr Excellence	48.2	51.5	+0.2	2.30

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680

US Smaller Co's	73.3	78.0	-2.4	0.16
UK Income Fund	106.6	113.5	+1.0	3.66
Far Eastern Fund	101.5	108.0	-1.5	0.00
Income Growth	76.9	81.9	+0.3	3.25
Recovery Fund	54.9	58.3	+0.1	10.55
Natural Res Fund	97.5	93.1	+0.8	1.62
European Income	84.6	90.0●		2.16
Financials Fund	49.7	53.0●	-0.5	2.59
Intl Tech Fund	134.7	143.3	-0.2	0.14

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St. Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3132

Balanced Gth Inc	86.7	90.1	+1.9	0.80
Do Acc	95.7	92.2	+0.9	..
High Yield Acc	36.1	38.4	..	..
Do Inc	35.3	37.6	..	5.10
Income Gth Acc	89.4	73.8	+1.7	..
Do Inc	63.3	67.3	+1.5	4.00
Sensex Co Acc	97.8	104.2	+1.1	..
Do Inc	96.2	102.3	+1.1	0.30
European Gth Inc	27.1	28.8	-0.4	..
Do Acc	..	..	..	..
European Gth Inc	..	..	..	..
Do Acc	..	..	..	..
Do Inc	35.3	37.6	..	5.10

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130, Tonbridge Rd, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9DZ
Tonbridge (0732) 838383

American	126.9	135.8	-1.8	0.59
Amer Equity Income	34.5	36.8	-0.5	3.83
Amer Special Sits	57.4	61.1	+1.0	0.09
Australia	50.8	54.1	+0.3	1.14
European	67.4	71.8	-0.2	
European Inc	25.8	27.5●		3.66
Global Conv	28.5	28.4	+0.1	4.58
Far East Inc	42.4	44.9	-0.1	3.63
Gilt & Fixed Int	28.6	●	+0.1	9.68
Growth & Income	137.9	147.4	+0.5	3.66
Japan Special Sits	67.3	71.6	-0.6	
Japan	166.2	177.3	-2.0	
Managed Int	167.5	178.2	-1.1	0.92
Max Income Equity	126.4	134.5●	+0.4	4.39
Famous Names	49.7	53.2●	-0.2	2.16
South East Asia	66.4	84.3	-0.2	0.01
Special Sits	312.7	334.5c	-0.4	0.53

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
4, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-638 5181

Amer & Gen Inc	226.8	240.0●	-5.8	..
Do Accum	231.7	245.1●	-5.9	..
Amer Turnarnd Inc	234.1	247.7	-3.5	1.03
Do Accum	252.8	267.0	-3.8	1.03
Capital Tst Inc	337.6	357.2	+2.1	1.36
Do Accum	412.8	436.8	+2.4	1.36
Conv & Gil Inc	114.0	120.6	+0.7	4.22
Do Accum	157.2	166.5	+0.7	4.22
European Inc	74.2	78.5	-0.5	0.77
Do Accum	74.5	78.8	-0.4	0.77
Extra Inc Tst Inc	262.1	277.5●	+1.0	3.13
Do Accum	262.1	309.1●	+1.0	3.13
Financial Accum	36.3	38.5	-0.2	0.92
Do Inc	36.1	38.3	-0.2	0.92
Income Trust	203.1	214.9	+3.0	3.24
Do Accum	203.1	214.9	+3.0	3.24
Int Growth Fd Inc	186.1	196.9	-4.2	..
Do Accum	206.7	218.7	-4.7	..
Japan & Gen Inc	122.5	129.5	-5.3	..
Do Accum	123.7	130.8	-5.4	..
Monthly Income Fd	144.1	152.4●	+1.3	2.94
PEP '87	71.8	75.9	+0.5	0.05
Recovery	223.4	236.3●	-0.5	0.84
Do Accum	244.1	258.3●	-0.5	0.84

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey
0306 885055

FP Equity Dist	280.7	297.9	+2.9	2.07
Do Accum	477.6	507.0	+4.9	2.07
FP Fixed Int Dist	113.3	119.4	+0.4	8.62
Do Accum	136.8	145.5	+0.5	8.62
Stewardship Dist	274.2	291.0	+2.2	0.99
Do Accum	288.3	305.9	+2.3	0.99
FP North American	141.3	149.9	-3.5	1.20
FP Pacific Basin	212.8	225.5	-4.0	0.21

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

Amer Special Sits	73.0	78.7	-0.5	0.50
UK Cap Fnd Inc	153.6	163.5●	+0.8	1.90
Do Accum	224.1	238.5	+1.1	2.48
Australian	87.4	93.0	+0.7	5.00
European	67.4	71.7	-0.2	0.41
European Inc	25.8	27.5●		3.66
Global Conv	28.5	28.4	+0.1	4.58
Far East Inc	42.4	44.9	-0.1	3.63
Gilt & Fixed Int	28.6	●	+0.1	9.68
Growth & Income	137.9	147.4	+0.5	3.66
Japan Special Sits	67.3	71.6	-0.6	
Japan	166.2	177.3	-2.0	
Managed Int	167.5	178.2	-1.1	0.92
Max Income Equity	126.4	134.5●	+0.4	4.39
Famous Names	49.7	53.2●	-0.2	2.16
South East Asia	66.4	84.3	-0.2	0.01
Special Sits	312.7	334.5c	-0.4	0.53

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-628 5808

American Trust	92.8	99.0	-1.5	0.70
Australian Trust	40.2	42.9	+0.4	0.00
Brazil Tst Accum	98.7	96.5●	-	1.49
Do Dist	77.5	82.7●	-	1.49
Commodity Share	109.6	117.0	+1.8	1.00
European Trust	59.2	63.2	+0.1	0.76
Extra Income Trust	72.0	76.9	+0.4	3.66
Far Eastern Trust	171.6	183.1	+0.4	0.00
Fixed Interest Fund	27.0	28.2	-0.2	8.83
Frontier Mkts	33.2	35.5	+0.1	0.30
Intl Fixed Int Tst	24.0	25.7	-	9.43
Global Fund Accum	221.2	236.0	-	0.40
Do Dist	210.1	224.2	-	0.40
Gold Share Trust	30.3	31.9	+1.2	0.20
Hedged American	40.6	43.2	+0.2	0.50
High Income Trust	34.8	37.2●	+0.2	4.15
Hong Kong Trust	34.8	37.2	-1.0	0.89
Income Fund	118.9	126.9●	+0.8	2.36
Japan Trust	137.0	146.1	-1.8	0.00
Managed Exempt	350.7	365.3	+0.3	1.74
Oil & Energy Trust	29.1	31.1	+0.1	0.00
Special Sits Trust	158.3	179.6●	+1.2	0.77
UK Smlr C's Rec Tst	143.0	152.6	+0.4	0.50
Cheltenham UK	29.5	30.9	+0.2	1.92

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse. 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR
01-588 5620

Intl Growth	117.0	124.4	+0.2	0.64
American Growth	79.6	83.6	-0.9	2.04
American Inc	74.6	79.3●	-0.6	5.93
European Growth	61.3	65.2●	-0.2	0.90
Gold & Minerals	99.7	96.4	+0.4	0.35
Japan Growth	58.8	62.5●		
Pacific Inc	99.7	106.0	+0.2	2.65
Pacific Strategy	67.4	71.7	-0.2	0.41
UK Progressive Inc	87.1	92.5	+0.7	3.33
UK Special Opps	213.5	227.1●	+0.6	0.40
Gt British	46.2	49.1	+0.5	1.76

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN
01-588 9903

Gilt & Fixed Int	112.9	117.3●	+0.9	9.47
Growth Equity	256.9	314.2	+1.1	1.38
Income	375.1	388.7●	+0.6	2.07
Eurofund	170.1	180.0	-3.5	0.79
Pacific	349.4	369.8	-1.7	0.00
Property Shares	475.1	503.9	-1.4	0.78
Smaller Companies	358.4	379.3	+1.9	0.84
European Trust	291.3	306.3	-0.6	0.84

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ.
01-623 9333

Global Growth	50.1	53.4	-0.2	0.80
High Income	90.2	96.0	+0.3	3.81
N Amer Trust	123.1	131.0	-1.3	0.53
Pacific Growth	50.7	54.0	-0.3	0.50
Recovery	380.2	404.5		1.56
Gilt Trust	37.6	38.3●	+0.1	9.44
Sr Vincent Inc	125.9	134.0●	+0.5	3.40
Sr Vincent US Gth	57.3	63.2●	-1.2	0.69
Temple Bar Sm Co's	318.9	339.4		2.26
Euro Gth Tst	54.0	57.6●	-1.2	0.80

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010

American Equity Inc	85.9	89.9	-1.6	4.26
Canadian Trust	50.2	53.1	+0.1	0.20
Equity Income Trust	127.0	134.7	+1.2	3.79
European Trust	114.5	121.5	-0.5	0.76
High Income Trust	96.6	102.5c	+0.6	4.21
Intl Situations Trust	79.1	83.9	+0.1	1.38
Japan & Far East	150.0	159.2	-3.5	0.01
Russia American	73.2	77.7	-1.1	0.90
Reserves & Assets	59.2	63.1	-0.6	4.81
Scandinavian Trust	91.8	97.4●	+0.3	0.79
Smaller Companies	224.1	237.8●	+1.3	1.69
UK New Generation	48.4	51.3	+0.2	0.88

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin S, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
0277 261010

Amer Recovery Tst	111.8	119.4	-3.1	0.84
Amer Smaller Co's	51.1	54.7	-3.0	0.01
Australian	138.2	147.9	+2.2	1.62
Capital Growth Inc	91.5	97.2	+0.6	1.24
Do Accum	95.0	101.7	+0.6	1.24
Euro Inc Tst	139.1	148.9	+0.9	0.75
Euro Smaller Co's	287.4	307.6	+2.1	0.75
Extra Income	263.2	283.8●	+1.0	2.88
Financial Trust	231.3	247.5		1.53
Fixed Interest Tst	51.2	54.3●		8.88
Gilt Trust	40.3	42.7●	-0.3	8.88
Global Healthcare	93.0	98.0	-1.2	0.53
Global Inc 60th	134.0	143.4●	+0.5	0.91
Global Recovery	130.5	139.6	+1.0	0.00
Global Tech	130.5	139.6	+1.0	0.00
Gold	177.1	189.5●	+2.5	3.08
High Income Tst	77.7	83.1●	+0.4	1.41
Hong Kong	91.2	97.5	+0.3	0.00
Income & Growth Inc	218.5	233.8	+3.9	2.53
Do Accum	445.3	476.3	+7.9	2.53
Income Assets	148.7	157.0●	+0.6	2.83
International	215.6	229.4	-2.4	0.79
Japan Special Sits	288.2	302.8	-4.4	0.01
Japan Tst	177.7	211.5●	-7.0	0.01
Nthn American	156.3	167.2	-3.3	0.27
Pacific Smaller Co's	106.5	114.0	-1.9	0.51
Prof & Gth	54.1	57.6●		9.51
Recovery Tst	181.2	193.9●	+1.5	0.90
Singapore & Malay	47.8	51.1	-1.0	0.33
Smaller Co's Div	195.5	210.2●	+1.4	0.47
Special Sits Inc	139.1	148.7	+1.7	0.47
Special Sits Acc	339.1	362.7●	+6.4

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Arlen	Electricals	
2	Wates	Property	
3	Vaux	Breweries	
4	Laporte	Chemicals,Plas	
5	Cable Wireless (aa)	Electricals	
6	Lon Securities	Property	
7	Glaves	Industrials E-K	
8	Marshall (Loxley)	Industrials L-R	
9	Microgen	Electricals	
10	Elliott (B)	Industrials E-K	
11	Morgan Crucible	Industrials L-R	
12	Brown (N)	Drapery,Stores	
13	Davis (Godfrey)	Industrials A-D	
14	Pleasurama	Leisure	
15	Harland Simon	Electricals	
16	Body Shop	Drapery,Stores	
17	Microfilm Repro	Electricals	
18	Telephone Rentals	Electricals	
19	Turner & Newall (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
20	Electronic Rentals	Electricals	
21	Ayrshire Metal	Industrials A-D	
22	Quadrant Group	Leisure	
23	Fisher (A)	Foods	
24	Shoralplan	Industrials S-Z	
25	Hammerson	Property	
26	Burton (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
27	BICC (aa)	Electricals	
28	Dixons Grp (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
29	BTR (aa)	Industrials A-D	
30	Lopex	Paper,Print,Adv	
31	Chamberlin & Hill	Industrials A-D	
32	Triefus	Industrials S-Z	
33	Unf Biscuits (aa)	Foods	
34	Blackwood Hodge	Industrials A-D	
35	Lucas (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
36	Bridport-Gundry	Industrials A-D	
37	Bespak	Industrials A-D	
38	Booth Inds	Industrials A-D	
39	Prestwich Hldgs	Industrials L-R	
40	Unitech	Electricals	
41	Kalamazoo	Industrials E-K	
42	Clayton Son	Industrials A-D	
43	Rowntree (aa)	Foods	
44	Bowater	Industrials A-D	

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DAILY DIVIDEND £8,000	WEEKLY DIVIDEND £8,000
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BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. pay yield%	Gross Red. yield%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

109½	99⅞	Treas 12%	1987	100¼	...	10.0
99¾	99¾	Treas 7¾%	1987-88	99¾	...	7.8
102¾	98⅜	Treas 10½%	1988	100⅛	...	10.5
101¾	98⅞	Treas 9¾%	1988	100⅛	...	9.8
97⅛	96¾	Treas 3½%	1988-90	97	...	3.1
101⅝	99¾	Treas 9¾%	1989	100⅛	...	9.8
101⅝	99¾	Treas 11¼%	1989	101⅛	...	11.8
104⅝	98¾	Treas 10½%	1989	100⅝	...	10.5
103¾	98¾	Exch 10¾%	1989	100⅛	...	10.1
108⅛	99⅝	Exch 10¾%	1989	102⅛	...	10.2
105¾	98⅞	Treas 10¾%	1989	100⅝	...	10.5
105⅛	98⅞	Treas 9¾%	1989-92	99⅝	...	9.8
94¾	85⅞	Treas 7¾%	1988-92	89⅝	...	7.3
111	103⅛	Treas 13¾%	1989	103⅝	...	12.9
110⅝	95⅝	Exch 11¾%	1989	101⅝	...	11.5
100⅜	89¼	Treas 8½%	1990-92	95⅝	...	8.9
105⅛	97⅛	Treas 10%	1990	101⅛	...	10.1
110⅛	99⅝	Exch 11%	1990	105⅝	...	10.5
110⅛	99⅝	Treas C10%	1991	105⅛	...	10.3
111⅛	100⅛	Treas 11¾%	1991	105⅝	...	11.3
128⅜	99⅝	Treas IL 2½%	2006	102⅝	...	2.5
113	101⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2009	107⅝	...	3.5
127⅛	99⅝	Treas IL2½%	2011	102⅝	...	2.5
113⅛	100⅛	Treas IL2½%	2017	107⅝	...	2.5
95¼	89¼	Treas IL2½%	2013	89⅝	...	2.5
103¾	91⅛	Treas IL2½%	2016	97⅝	...	2.5
101⅜	98⅛	Treas IL2½%	2020	97⅝	...	2.5
86¾	75¾	Treas IL2½%	2024	77	...	3.4

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

118⅛	107⅜	Treas 12¾%	1992	108⅝	...	11.8
101⅛	89¾	Treas 10%	1992	100⅛	...	10.1
108⅝	98¼	Treas C10½%	1992	107⅛	...	10.4
117	106⅛	Exch 12¾%	1992	115⅝	...	11.4
121	106⅛	Exch 13%	1992	119⅝	...	12.0
107⅛	99⅝	Treas 10%	1993	103⅝	...	10.1
118⅛	107⅜	Treas 12¾%	1993	115⅝	...	11.5
95⅞	91¼	Exch 9%	1993	93⅝	...	9.8
125⅛	113⅝	Treas 13¾%	1993	123⅝	...	12.5
129⅛	113⅞	Treas 14¼%	1994	126⅝	...	11.4
129⅛	108⅛	Exch 13¼%	1994	114⅝	...	11.8
104⅛	93⅛	Treas 8½%	1994	96⅝	...	8.5
107⅝	98⅛	Treas 10%	1994	103⅝	...	10.1
118⅛	108⅛	Exch 12%	1994	111⅝	...	11.0
96⅛	75⅝	Treas 8%	1994-96	85⅝	...	9.7
109⅛	97⅛	Exch 10¼%	1995	103⅝	...	10.3
123⅛	111	Treas 12¾%	1995	118⅝	...	12.3
139⅛	117⅜	Treas 14%	1995-98	128⅝	...	11.8
135⅛	115⅝	Treas 13¾%	1995	125⅝	...	11.4
127⅛	114⅛	Treas 12¾%	1995	121⅝	...	12.1
94¼	84¼	Conv 9%	1996	89⅝	...	10.2
129⅛	115	Treas 13¾%	1996	123⅝	...	11.4
111½	95	Exch 10½%	1996	107⅝	...	10.4
101	86⅝	Treas 8½%	1996	96⅝	...	11.8
89¾	77⅜	Exch 8¾%	1996-99	84⅝	...	10.1
108⅛	94⅝	Exch 10¼%	1997	102⅝	...	10.0
124⅝	109⅛	Treas 12¾%	1997	118⅝	...	10.8
106⅛	94⅛	Treas 9¾%	1997	101⅝	...	9.6
118⅛	107⅜	Exch 12¼%	1997	113⅝	...	10.8
111⅛	98⅝	Conv 10%	1997	105⅝	...	10.0
96⅛	86⅞	Treas 8½%	2000	91⅝	...	9.3
131⅛	115⅞	Treas 13%	2000	125⅝	...	11.9
106⅛	94⅛	Treas 9¾%	2000	101⅝	...	9.6
110⅛	94⅝	Conv 10%	2001	104⅝	...	10.0
109⅝	92⅝	Conv 9½%	2001	103⅝	...	9.9
134⅛	120⅛	Treas 14%	1998-01	131⅝	...	11.5

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

103	95⅛	Exch 9¾%	2002	99⅝	...	9.7
110⅝	97⅛	Conv 10%	2002	103⅝	...	10.1
109⅛	96⅛	Exch 12¾%	2002-07	110⅝	...	10.8
108	95⅛	Treas 9¼%	2003	101⅝	...	10.0
113⅜	94⅝	Treas 10%	2003	106⅝	...	10.0
121⅜	105	Treas 11¾%	2001-04	115⅝	...	10.5
111⅛	97⅝	Conv 10%	2004	105⅝	...	10.0
98⅜	91⅛	Treas 9¾%	2004	96⅝	...	9.7
107⅛	93⅝	Conv 9½%	2005	100⅝	...	9.5
116⅛	99⅝	Conv 10½%	2005	108⅝	...	10.0
132⅛	116⅝	Treas 12¾%	2005-08	124⅝	...	10.3
79⅛	70⅛	Treas 5¾%	1987-91	76⅝	...	7.5
110⅛	94⅝	Conv 10%	2007	104⅝	...	9.6
116⅛	99⅝	Treas 11¾%	2003-07	113⅝	...	10.4
99⅞	89¼	Treas 9%	2008	94⅝	...	9.5
138⅛	118⅛	Treas 13¾%	2004-08	127⅝	...	10.8
104⅜	91⅞	Treas 9%	2008	98⅝	...	9.2
94⅜	85¼	Treas 8%	2009	89⅝	...	9.0
101⅜	91⅛	Conv 9%	2011	96⅝	...	9.3
99⅛	89¼	Treas 8¾%	2008-12	94⅝	...	9.3
87⅛	78¼	Treas 7¾%	2012-15	81⅝	...	9.5
134⅛	117⅜	Exch 12¾%	2013-17	125⅝	...	10.0

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45¾	39⅞	Consols 4%		41⅝	...	9.7
49¾	34¾	War Ln 3½%		36⅝	...	9.7
85	68	Conv 3½%		78⅝	...	7.3
34⅝	29⅜	Treas 3%		30⅝	...	9.7
28¾	24½	Consols 2½%		25⅝	...	9.7
28¾	24¾	Treas 2½%		25⅝	...	9.7

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131¼	124⅝	Treas IL 2%	1996	131¼	...	2.0
117⅛	108⅞	Treas IL 2½%	1998	114	...	2.1
99¾	93¾	Treas IL 2½%	1999	96⅝	...	2.1
129⅜	117⅞	Treas IL 2%	1996	125⅝	...	2.3
131⅛	100⅝	Treas IL2½%	2001	127⅝	...	3.1
139⅛	99⅝	Treas IL2½%	2003	102⅝	...	2.5
113	101⅛	Treas IL 2%	2006	107⅝	...	3.5
127⅛	99⅝	Treas IL2½%	2011	102⅝	...	2.5
113⅛	100⅛	Treas IL2½%	2017	107⅝	...	2.5
95¼	89¼	Treas IL2½%	2013	89⅝	...	2.5
103¾	91⅛	Treas IL2½%	2016	97⅝	...	2.5
101¾	98⅛	Treas IL2½%	2020	97⅝	...	2.5
86¾	75¾	Treas IL2½%	2024	77	...	3.4

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	230	Allied Irish	265	268	...	20	3.5	7.1
169	84	Alexander (Harry)	236	238	+5	15.0	6.4	...
239	144	Allied Lyons	79	80	...	17.0	7.4	...
15⅝	11⅝	Bankmore	227	232	...	17.0	7.4	11.2
248	178	Bank of Ireland	236	238	-5	17.0	7.4	11.2
15	11⅛	Bank of Scotland (Irish)	14	15	...	17.0	7.4	11.2
258	240	Bank of Scotland	245	248	...	17.0	7.4	11.2
619	385	Bank of Wales	600	610	-5	22.6	4.6	10.4
95	68	Barclays	84	85	...	25.0	4.1	10.4
484	344	Brewin Dolphin	468	478	-5	20.0	4.2	10.4
9	6	Charterhouse	8	8½	...	0.5	5.9	10.4
435	280	Close Alex	416	420	+2	21.0	5.0	14.2
75½	44	Close Bros	74	75	...	3.0	4.0	10.2
2½	2½	Close Nominees	2½	...	...	...	...	...
1115	1015	Coutts	1115	1125	...	50.0	4.4	10.4
110	95	Cromwell	110	120	...	6.0	5.5	8.2
268½	191	Dawnay Day	193½	194½	+½	14.0	7.2	8.6
51	37	Dawnay & Co	36	38	...	2.0	5.3	10.4
268	201	Edinburgh Fd Finance	260	265	...	20.0	7.5	10.4
238	198	Gerrard Nd	230	235	+5	20.0	8.5	10.4
112½	88	Gerrards Prd	110	112	...	6.0	5.4	10.4
365	235	Hambros	345	350	+5	20.0	5.7	10.4
570	370	Hill Samuel	550	560	...	33.0	5.9	10.4
61	37	Hill Samuel	58	59	...	3.5b	5.9	10.4
600	385	Investec (Lombard)	580	590	...	35.0	5.9	10.4
1½	½	Jessel Toynbee	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	King & Shaxson	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Lazard	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Lloyds Bk	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Mallinhall	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Mercantile Hse	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Midland	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Minster Trust	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Morgan Grenfell	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Nat Australia Bk	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	National Bk	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Nat Westminster	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Rea Brothers	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Rothschild (N M)	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Royal Bk of Scot (aa)	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Schroders	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Singer & Friedlander	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Standard Chart (aa)	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Trustee Savings Bk	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Warburg (S G)	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Do 6% 'A'	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Wells Fargo	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Wintrust	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Do 6% 'A'	1	1½	...	...	...	...
1½	½	Wood Mackenzie	1	1½	...	...	...	...

BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	317	Allied-Lyons (aa)	417	421	+1	15.0	3.5	12.4
197	129	Bass (aa)	155	157	+1	7.6	4.8	12.4
72	51	Boddington	68	69	...	2.5	3.6	12.4
151	100	Brakspear (H P)	140	142	...	5.0	3.5	12.4
75	52	Brent Walker	72	73	...	...	...	...
110	80	Burtonwood	105	107	...	3.0	2.8	12.4
100	70	Camerons (Hldgs)	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Camerons 'A' (aa)	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Chasebrook	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Devenish (S)	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Eldridge Pope	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Fuller	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Gibbs Mew	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Greenall Whitley	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Greene King	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Grt Northern Cpr	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Highgate Dawes	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Hook Norton	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Ind Coope	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Inn Leisure	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Jennings	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Lancaster	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Lees (J W)	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Liberty Inns	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Lion	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Lloyds (aa)	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Marston Thompson	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Matthew Brown	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Mitchells & Butlers	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Morland	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Nthn Breweries	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Pubmaster	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Ruddles	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Scottish & Newcastle	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Shepherd Neame	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Soutter (J)	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Tennent Caledonian	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Theakston (T & R)	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Tolly Cobbold	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Top Dog	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Vaux	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Wadworth	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Whitbread 'A'	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Whitbread 'B'	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Whitbread 'C'	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Whitbread 'D'	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Whitbread 'E'	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Whitbread 'F'	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4
100	70	Young & Co	95	97	...	3.0	3.1	12.4

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
488	350	Alfred McAlpine	480	485	...	15.0	3.1	13.1
180	120	Amec	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Anglo Ind Dev	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Anglo Ind Dev 'A'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Arlington Bldg	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Arlington Secs	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead 'A'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead 'B'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead 'C'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead 'D'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead 'E'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead 'F'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead 'G'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead 'H'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead 'I'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead 'J'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead 'K'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
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180	120	Ashtead 'M'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead 'N'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
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180	120	Ashtead 'Z'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
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180	120	Ashtead 'AB'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead 'AC'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
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180	120	Ashtead 'AG'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead 'AH'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
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180	120	Ashtead 'AX'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead 'AY'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
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180	120	Ashtead 'BD'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead 'BE'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead 'BF'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
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180	120	Ashtead 'CH'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead 'CI'	175	177	...	6.0	3.4	13.1
180	120	Ashtead 'CJ'	175	177	...

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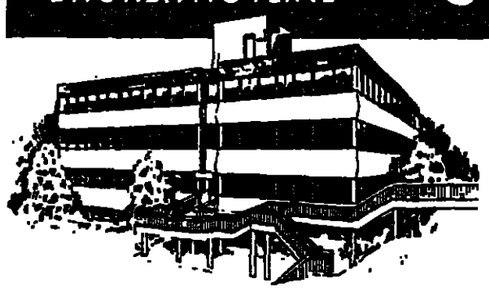
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National Westminster	6.75	6.75	5.09	3.70	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-726 1000
" " "	7.00	7.00	5.27	3.84	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-726 1000
Midland	6.21	6.21	4.68	3.40	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-260 8000
" " "	6.58	6.58	4.96	3.61	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-260 8000
BUILDING SOCIETIES							
Ordinary A/c	5.00	5.06	3.81	2.77	1 min	——	——
Britannia²	7.15	7.15	5.39	3.92	250 min	——	——
Bradford & Bingley²	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	——	——
Cheltenham & Glouc²	7.75	7.75	5.84	4.25	5,000 min	——	——
Nationwide Non-Resid²	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	1 min	——	——
MONEY FUNDS							
Aitken Hume Monthly Inc	6.96	7.18	5.41	3.93	1,000 min	——	01-638 6070
Allied Arab HICA	7.34	7.59	5.72	4.16	3,000 min	——	01-629 6802
Bank Of Scotland	6.84	7.07	5.33	3.87	2,500 min	——	01-626 8060
Barclays High Rate Dep	6.75	6.92	5.22	3.79	1,000 min	——	01-626 1567
" " "	7.00	7.19	5.42	3.94	10,000 min	——	01-626 1567
Britannia High Interest	6.77	6.99	5.27	3.38	2,500 min	——	01-588 2777
Citibank Money Mkt Plus‡	6.50	6.70	5.04	3.56	2,000 min	——	01-741 4941
HFC Trust & Savings	7.50	7.64	5.76	4.19	5,000 min	——	01-236 8391
Henderson Cheque A/c	6.84	7.07	5.33	3.87	2,500 min	——	01-638 5757
L & G High Int Deposit	6.81	6.93	5.22	3.80	1,000 min	1 mth	01-388 3211
Lloyds Investment A/c‡⁷	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	5,000 min	3 mth	01-407 1000
Lloyds ‡-CA‡	6.00	6.17	4.65	3.38	1,000 min	——	01-407 1000
M&G HICA	6.67	6.89	5.19	3.78	2,500 min	——	01-626 4588
Midland HICA	6.60	6.77	5.08	3.67	2,000 min	——	0742 52800
" "	7.00	7.19	5.42	3.94	10,000 min	——	0742 52800
Nat West Special Reserve	6.88	7.06	5.32	3.87	2,000 min	——	01-726 1000
" " "	7.00	7.19	5.42	3.94	10,000 min	——	01-726 1000
Oppenheimer Money Mngmt	6.87	7.06	5.32	3.87	1,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
" " "	6.96	7.14	5.38	3.87	10,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
Phillips & Drew HICA	7.05	7.24	5.45	3.97	2,500 min	——	01-628 9771
Provincial Trust Chq A/c	7.53	7.80	5.88	4.27	1,000 min	——	061-9289011
Royal Bk Of Scot Prem A/c	6.77	6.95	5.24	3.81	2,500 min	——	031-5570201
S & P Classic	6.55	6.77	5.10	3.71	500 min	——	0708 66966
Schroder Wagg	6.77	6.98	5.26	3.38	2,500 min	——	0705 827733
Tyndall Call	7.05	7.24	5.45	3.97	2,500 min	——	0272 732241
Tyndall 7-day	6.88	7.05	5.31	3.86	2,500 min	——	0272 732241
UDT 7-day	6.77	6.95	5.24	3.81	5,000 min	7 day	01-626 4661
Western Trust	7.15	7.38	5.56	4.04	2,500 min	1 mth	0752 261161
NATIONAL SAVINGS							
Ordinary A/c³	6.00	6.17	4.65	3.38	1-10,000	8 day	041-6494555
Investment A/c⁴	10.00	7.30	5.50	4.00	5-100,000	1 mth	041-6494555
Income Bond⁴	10.50	7.67	5.78	4.20	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond⁴	10.50	7.67	5.78	4.20	100-100,000	3 mth	041-6494555
Indexed Income Bond⁴⁵	8.00	5.84	4.40	3.20	5,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
33rd Issue Cert⁵†	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	7.02	7.02	7.02	7.02			
Retail Price Index:July	101.4	101.4	101.4	101.4			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS							
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.10	9.10	7.46	6.10	1,000 min	1 yr	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	8.80	8.80	7.27	5.98	1,000 min	2 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	8.80	8.80	7.32	6.05	1,000 min	3 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	8.80	8.80	7.35	6.11	1,000 min	4 yrs	0992 30488
Canterbury Life	8.50	8.50	6.97	5.70	1,000 min	5 yrs	0227 457375
LOCAL AUTHORITY TOWN HALL BONDS⁶							
Kirklees	6.75	6.75	5.09	3.70	500 min	1 yr	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	2 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	3 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	4 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	5 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	6 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	7 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	8 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	9 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	10 yrs	01-407 2767
FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS							
Sterling	8.75	——	——	——	——	7 day	0481 26741
US Dollar	5.84	——	——	——	——	7 day	0481 26741
Yen	2.74	——	——	——	——	7 day	0481 26741
D Mark	2.81	——	——	——	——	7 day	0481 26741
French Franc	6.55	——	——	——	——	7 day	0481 26741
Swiss Franc	2.05	——	——	——	——	7 day	0481 26741

*Interest taxable, paid gross † Tax free ‡ Higher returns for larger balances ¹ All major banks, other banks may differ ² Societies chosen based on high street presence, higher rates can sometimes be obtained from smaller societies - contact Chase de Vere Moneyline 01-404 5766 ³ 3 per cent for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less ⁴ Increased at end of year in line with inflation ⁵ Additional holdings up to £5,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates ⁶ Liable to variation ⁷ Charge for instant access Research: Deborah Benn

KEY RATES

Retail Prices Index (July '86 to July '87)
+4.4

Mortgage rate*
11.25%

Bank base rate
10%

Bank prime overdraft rate*
13%-18% APR

Personal loan rate*
19.7% APR

Credit card rate*
23.8% APR

Hire purchase rate*¹
28% APR

Bank deposit account
3.75%

Building society ordinary account
5%

High-interest cheque account*
6.80%

Holiday exchange rates*

Spanish peseta	195.75
French franc	9.79
Greek drachma	218
Italian lira	2120

* Typical rates
¹ £1,000 over 12 months
APR = annual percentage rate

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BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.50%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Consolidated Grds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

UNIT - LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE				
401 St John Street, London EC1V 4DE				
01-837 6494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	11.18	11.77	+0.02	
Bear	12.91	13.59	+0.16	
Owl	17.71	18.65	+0.12	
Bull	15.75	16.58	+0.05	
Stag	15.65	16.48	+0.03	
Gilt Edged	11.42		+0.05	
Deposit	10.47		+0.02	
Pensions				
Squirrel	12.29	12.94	+0.03	
Bear	13.94	14.94	+0.18	
Owl	22.39	23.57	+0.16	
Bull	19.16	20.17	+0.07	
Stag	19.16	20.17	+0.06	
Gilt Edged	11.98		+0.06	
Deposit	11.12		+0.26	
Exempt Acc Mixed	205.6	209.6	+1.09	
ABBEY LIFE				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0202 292378				
Property Fund Inc	219.9	231.5	+0.3	
Do Accum	306.7	322.9	+0.4	
Equity Fund Income	143.8	151.4	+0.8	
Do Accum	166.1	167.5	+0.8	
Selective Fund	295.2	312.4	+1.1	
Money Fund	231.5	243.7	+0.2	
Prop Fd Ser 4	240.9	253.6	+0.3	
Equity Ser 4	156.6	163.8	+0.9	
Man Ser 4	121.0	443.2	+0.6	
Comy Ser 4	207.4	218.4	+0.1	
Money Ser 4	207.3	218.3	+0.1	
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	188.0	198.0	+1.6	
American Ser 4	291.7	307.1	-5.6	
High Inc Ser 4	411.6	433.3	+3.1	
Indexed Inv Ser 4	113.6	119.7		
Japan Ser 4	274.5	289.0	-9.2	
ALBANY LIFE				
3, Dames Lane, Potters Bar				
0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	992.4	1044.6	-3.9	
European Fd Accum	240.0	252.6	+1.6	
Fixed Int Acc	190.0	200.0	+1.4	
Gld Money Fd Acc	212.3	223.5	+0.2	
Intl Man Fd Acc	368.0	408.4	-12.5	
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	179.7	189.2	+1.0	
Japan Fund	309.5	325.9	-1.2	
Nth American Fd Acc	186.4	196.3	-3.7	
Prop Fd Acc	224.8	236.6	+0.1	
Multiple Inv Acc	652.2	686.5	+2.7	
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE				
Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL				
0793-28291				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	134.6	247.0	+0.3	
Equity Accum	533.5	577.4	+0.2	
Property Accum	351.7	370.3	+0.1	
Inv Technology Fund	198.6	209.0	+12.5	
Managed Capital	372.4	392.0	+0.3	
Do Accum	622.7	655.5	+0.8	
Overseas Accum	556.9	586.3	+0.6	
Gilt Edged Accum	251.8	256.7	+1.1	
Amer Equity Accum	412.4	434.2	-11.2	
Amer Man Accum	193.0	203.2	-1.9	
Amer Prop Accum	124.5	131.1	-0.6	
BALTIC ASSURANCE				
25-26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD				
01-493 9899				
Managed Growth	355.2	373.9	+5.01	
Managed Income	183.8	172.4	+2.72	
International	266.0	280.0	+5.34	
High Income	249.3	253.0	+3.98	
Income & Growth	121.6	128.0	+1.57	
Basic Resource	142.8	148.3	+1.30	
American	223.7	235.5	-3.55	
Far Eastern	475.2	500.2	+3.00	
Smaller Co's	383.1	318.1	+5.10	
BARCLAYS LIFE				
252 Romford Rd, London E7 9JB				
01-534 5544				
Equity Accum	615.4	647.8	+0.6	
Do Initial	524.2	551.8	+0.5	
Gilt Edged Accum	213.8	225.1	+1.7	
Do Initial	183.8	193.5	+1.5	
International Accum	312.2	328.7	-1.9	
Do Initial	266.5	280.5	-1.1	
Managed Accum	376.7	396.6	-1.9	
Do Initial	322.2	339.2	-0.7	
Money Accum	183.7	193.4		
Do Initial	152.3	160.4		
Property Accum	216.2	227.6	+0.2	
Do Initial	183.3	193.0		
America Accum	201.6	212.3	-5.7	
Do Initial	172.5	181.4	-5.0	
Australia Accum	245.0	257.9	-0.9	
Do Initial	213.1	224.4	-0.8	
Financial Accum	280.8	295.6	+0.1	
Do Initial	243.8	256.7	+0.1	
500 Accum	328.9	346.3	+3.5	
Do Initial	281.5	296.5	+3.4	
Japan Gilt Edn Acc 2	414.5	436.3	-2.8	
Do Initial 2	352.8	371.4	-2.4	
Income Accum	334.5	352.5	+0.7	
Do Initial	289.4	304.7	+0.5	
Leisure Accum	208.6	219.6	+0.7	
Special Sits Accum	194.8	205.1	+1.6	
Unv Tech Accum	119.0	125.1	-2.4	
Do Initial	109.0	114.8	-2.1	
BLACK HORSE LIFE				
Mountbatten House Chatham				
& next ME4 4QF 0634 405161				
The Managed Fund	482.77		+6.29	
Income Fund	477.6	502.8	+12.66	
Extra Income Fund	445.6	468.8	+9.79	
Worldwide Growth Fd	397.9	418.8	+2.89	
Balanced Fund	424.3	446.6	+14.38	
Smlr Co's & Rc Fd	641.3	675.1	+11.15	
Inv Technology Fund	189.6	209.0	+17.25	
N Amer & Gen Fund	268.3	271.9	+2.85	
Energy Inv Fund	146.3	154.0	+4.36	
Pacific Basin Fund	342.4	360.5	+1.37	
Dormant Growth Fd	149.6	157.5	+0.14	
Japan Growth Fd	182.6	192.3	-0.48	
The UK Gen Fd	149.4	157.3	+2.65	
Cons Euro Gth	110.6	116.4	-4.82	
Property Fund	191.1	201.2	+0.08	
Fixed Interest Fund	191.8	201.9	+0.24	
Cash Fund	178.5	188.8	+0.25	
Managed Inv Fund	310.9	327.3	+3.97	
CANADA LIFE				
2-6 High St Potters Bar, Herts				
P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	154.8			
Managed	215.0	226.4	+0.4	
Property	134.9	141.1	+0.1	
Gilt & Fixed Int	140.9	147.4	+1.4	
Money-Linked	112.1	118.2	+1.8	
Equity	264.2	278.9	+2.0	
Gilt & Fixed Int	143.7	151.3	+0.1	
Managed Bk UT	229.5	251.2	+0.5	
Mixed Bk Int	258.3	271.8	+4.8	

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
CANNON ASSURANCE				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx. HA9 0NB				
01-902 8876				
Equity Units	295.19		+0.91	
Property Units	224.68		+0.00	
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£41.39	43.80	-0.13	
Gilt Edged Accum	377.2	462.6	+3.5	
2nd High Inc/Accum	383.2	405.5	+3.9	
2nd Property Accum	233.3	246.9	+0.1	
2nd Managed 2 Acc	112.9	119.5	+0.7	
2nd Managed Acc	293.1	310.2	-0.8	
2nd Managed 4 Acc	121.3	128.4	-0.9	
2nd Deposit Accum	183.1	193.8	+0.3	
2nd Gilt Accum	186.3	197.1	+1.9	
2nd Equity Accum	265.7	281.2	-11.0	
2nd Intl Money Ac	194.5	205.8	-1.7	
2nd Index Accum	110.4	116.8	+0.5	
2nd Far East Accum	266.5	281.0	-3.9	
2nd Global Accum	114.7	121.4	-1.2	
2nd Euro Accum	111.2	117.7	-1.0	
2nd Japan Accum	140.4	148.6	-2.0	
2nd Heritage Acc	102.7	108.7	+0.4	
2nd Intl Curr Bond	90.1	95.3	-0.1	
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE				
Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd,				
Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA				
0908-696101				
Property Fund	132.0	139.0		
Money Fund	237.8	250.4	+0.2	
Managed Fund	505.5	532.2	+0.5	
Equity Fund	383.5	400.6	+0.8	
Fixed Interest Fund	151.8	159.8	+1.4	
Far East Fund	267.1	281.2	-3.1	
Nth Amer Fund	186.5	196.4	-2.2	
Nat Resources Fund	233.7	246.0	-0.5	
Ale-Jandra Fund	149.6	148.0		
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL				
Narrow Plain Bristol BS2 0JH				
0272 250566				
Assurance Funds				
Mixed	176.6	185.9	-0.1	
Equity	227.3	239.3	+1.3	
Property	125.1	131.7	+0.1	
Gilt & Fixed Int	118.0	124.2	+1.3	
Indexed Secs	97.1	102.3	-0.2	
Cash	112.2	118.2	+0.1	
Nth American	126.4	133.1	-2.3	
Far East	173.7	182.9	-0.5	
International	151.1	159.1	+1.6	
Special Sits	217.0	228.5	+1.0	
Intl Income	185.2	195.0	+1.4	
European	181.2	190.8	+0.3	
Flexible Reirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	181.0	190.6	-0.7	
Equity	210.3	221.4	+0.3	
Property	124.7	131.3		
Gilt & Fixed Int	126.5	135.3	+2.3	
Index Linked	101.6	107.0		
Cash	125.6	132.3	+0.1	
Nth American	138.4	145.7	-1.6	
Far East Acc	207.7	218.7	-1.9	
International Acc	175.4	184.7	-2.6	
Special Sits	274.1	288.5	+1.7	
European Flex	221.3	233.0	+0.2	
Cash	112.2	118.2	+0.1	
Nth American	126.4	133.1	-2.3	
Far East	173.7	182.9	-0.5	
International	151.1	159.1	-1.6	
Special Sits	217.0	228.5	+1.0	
Intl Income	185.2	195.0	+1.4	
American Inc	123.7	130.3	+0.9	
European	181.2	190.8	+0.3	
COLONIAL MUTUAL				
24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD				
01-248 9883				
CML U Assdvsy	182.06			
CML U Ass-Pacemkr	245.2			
CML U Ass.Cash	132.0	139.0	+0.56	
CML U Ass Equity	360.3	379.5	+0.41	
Euro Opportunity	140.0	148.2	+0.9	
North Amer Opp	104.3	110.4	-2.5	
Far East Opp	120.3	127.3	-1.6	
Gth Prop Series 1	134.4	154.1		
Gth Prop Series 2	103.9	109.6	+0.2	
Fixed Int	100.1	105.9	+0.12	
Cash	100.6	106.5	+0.1	

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Managed Pens	384.1	387.5	-.-	..
Overseas	98.3	104.0	-0.9	..
EAGLE STAR INSURANCE				
Bush Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ				
0242 221311				
Secure Fund	106.3	114.1	+0.1	..
Blue Chip Fund	155.3	163.5	+1.4	..
Advantageous Fund	186.7	196.6	-0.5	..
Performance Fund	187.1	197.0	-1.2	..
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND				
1 Threadneedle St, London EC2				
01-588 1212				
Eagle/Midland Units	218.1	225.9	+3.0	3.49
EQUITY & LAW				
Amersham Road, High Wycombe				
0494 33377				
UK Equities Fund	580.5	611.0	+3.9	..
Higher Income Fund	573.5	603.6	+4.2	..
Property Fund	282.0	296.4	+0.2	..
Fixed Interest Fund	245.5	258.4	+2.7	..
Inden-Linked Scs Fd	163.9	172.5	+1.4	..
Gld Deposit Fund	184.6	194.5	+0.2	..
Nth America Fund	267.1	281.1	-6.9	..
Far East Fund	247.2	260.4	-7.1	..
Managed Fund	347.2	365.5	-7.1	..
International Fund	335.7	353.3	-5.0	..
Mixed Fund	497.0	428.4	-0.8	..
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH				
0722 336242				
Managed (Mixed)	186.4	196.3	-0.1	
UK Equity	236.4	248.9	+0.6	
Stewardship	242.3	255.1	-0.1	
Overseas Equity	191.2	201.3	-0.1	
North American	183.2	186.7	-3.0	
Pacific Basin	111.1	117.0	+2.0	
European	113.0	119.0	+0.7	
Property	147.6	154.8	+0.1	
Fixed Interest	129.6	136.5	+0.8	
Index Linked	101.1	106.5		
Cash	124.0	130.6		
GT MANAGEMENT				
16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ				
01-628 6131				
GT Plan Bond Fund	178.6	188.0		
GT Plan High Yield	224.4	236.2	-3.9	
GT Plan Far East	273.7	282.9	-3.8	
GT Plan North Amer	151.3	156.3	-3.9	
GT Plan UK & GE	357.5	376.4	-0.2	
GT Plan Worldwide	330.3	347.7	-0.8	
GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE				
20/24 Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR9 5BS				
01-686 0411				
Managed	140.9	148.3	+0.2	
UK Equity	202.3	212.9	+1.6	
Fixed Int	116.5	122.6	+1.0	
Index-Linked	97.1	102.2	-0.1	
Cash Deposit	111.1	116.9	+0.1	
Property	115.3	121.4		
International	133.0	129.5	-1.1	
American	98.6	103.8	-3.6	
Japan	141.5	153.4	-2.3	
Japan Smlr Co's	139.3	145.6		
European	118.0	124.2		
Pacific Fund	125.6	132.2	-1.4	
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE				
Crossbrook St, Cheshunt Herts				
0992 31971				
Portfolio Fd Acc	544.0		+1.2	
Do Inst	383.9		+0.7	
Do Inv s	543.9	572.7	+1.2	
UK Equity	309.1	325.5	+2.1	
Oseas Equity	166.3	174.1	-3.6	
Smaller Cos	258.3	195.2	+1.3	
Gilt	124.1	130.6	+0.3	
Money	116.1	122.2		
Do 88	124.1	130.7	+2.3	
Fixed Int Dep	117.7	124.0	+0.1	
Managed	229.7	252.4	-0.6	
Deposit Fund	144.2	151.8		
Prime Residential	164.6	173.3	+0.3	
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Capital Fund	308.4	322.8	-9.4	.
Income Fund	406.3	427.7	+2.6	.
Property Series 'A'	249.8	263.0	.	.
Property Units	249.8	263.0	.	.
Financial Fund	318.2	336.0	+0.9	.
Managed Series 'A'	324.6	352.5	-2.6	.
Do 'C'	325.2	247.6	-2.7	.
Managed Units	324.6	342.0	-2.6	.
High Yield Fund	382.8	403.0	+3.2	.
Money Series 'A'	180.6	190.2	+0.3	.
Money Units	232.2	244.5	+0.2	.
Equity Fund	408.5	429.8	+0.8	.
Fixed Interest Fund	210.9	222.0	+0.2	.
Indexed Secs Fund	108.6	114.4	+0.7	.
European Fund	462.5	486.9	-2.8	.
Natural Res Fund	229.0	241.1	-2.6	.
Far East Fund	453.3	477.1	-8.3	.
Smaller Co's Fund	581.5	608.9	+2.6	.
Special Sits Fund	342.0	360.0	+1.4	.
Main Currency Fund	160.6	169.3	-0.7	.
Japan Growth Fund	179.2	188.8	-4.1	.
US Smaller Co's	94.8	99.8	-2.0	.
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Fixed Int Fd	228.6	240.6	+0.7	..
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Managed	365.0	384.5	-1.9	..
Gld Mngd	304.4	320.5	+1.1	..
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Deposit	180.5		+0.2	
Mixed	385.5		+1.6	
Indexed Stock	119.2		+1.0	
International	139.1		+4.6	
Equity A	148.8		+0.2	
Fixed Int A	160.7		+0.3	
Property A	109.2		+0.2	
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Indxn Stock A	94.4		+0.8	
International A	125.8		-2.9	
Equity P	582.0		-1.9	
Fixed Int P	256.5		+0.5	
Property P	136.8		+0.1	
Deposit P	177.7		+0.2	
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Property	200.7	213.0	.	
Money Market	155.5	162.9	+0.1	
Fixed Interest	172.6	183.2	+2.3	
Japan	353.3	388.4	-8.4	
North America	157.4	166.9	-4.3	
International

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A growing interest

It is now more than three months since the Nationwide Anglia, then just the Nationwide, placed the gauntlet firmly at the feet of the banks with the launch of its FlexAccount.

This was at around the time that the Midland Bank launched its yuppie-style Vector account. But apart from this somewhat specialized development, none of the major banks has retaliated by paying interest on established current accounts. However, National Westminster's domestic banking chief Roger Flemington cautiously admits that payment of interest on current accounts is a subject high on the agenda of many of his bank's customers.

No other building society has attempted to emulate FlexAccount. So does this mean that the Nationwide's pioneering move has been a failure?

Brian Whitfield, the general manager, says: "We've had a tremendous response so far — at the top of our expectations."

Although Mr Whitfield is not prepared to divulge any meaningful figures for the number of accounts that have been opened, he says about 80 per cent of FlexAccount holders were not existing customers. Of these, about 75 per cent already had bank accounts, and although some people continue to operate these, others have switched completely to the FlexAccount.

Mr Whitfield says a number of people started off by giving the FlexAccount a trial run, and subsequently closed their bank account when they found out how reliable it was.

On the volume of business, Mr Whitfield says there have been no surprises, and the society has been able to cope easily. It will be advertising the account again in the autumn.

Why have others not followed Nationwide? Mr Whitfield says: "It's a hard act to follow and will probably have sent a lot of people back to the drawing board."

Abbey National has made no secret of its interest in money transmission. At present it is building a new clearing centre that will be ready next May, and it is looking closely at EFTPOS — Electronic Funds Transfer at the Point of Sale.

John Fry, corporate planning manager, says the Abbey is looking at the whole area of money transmission, and is examining its Cheque Save account with this in mind.

As for the Halifax, Jim Murgatroyd, assistant general manager, is keen to stress that the society still wants to avoid the expense involved in providing a high-volume cheque facility. "For the time being," he says, "we'd prefer to pursue our plastic base with Card Cash, but we are looking at the market very closely, and if we felt the competition was hotting up we could act fairly quickly."

However, the plunge has been taken by one small society. The Peckham teamed up yesterday with Western Trust & Savings to provide the Current Account Plus.

This account offers a £50 cheque guarantee card and a LINK cash card, which can be used to withdraw up to £250 a day from any LINK cash dispenser.

Account holders can write as many cheques as they like and there is no restriction on the number of standing orders or direct debits. Detailed statements are sent out monthly.

The Peckham makes no charge for transactions, and there is no requirement to keep a minimum balance in the account to qualify. An account can be opened with £5. However, customers must agree to transfer their salary or at least £150 to the account every month.

Once the balance reaches £500, interest is paid ranging from 2.59 per cent net on sums of up to £999 to 6.02 per cent net on amounts of £10,000 and more.

Current Account Plus includes a £500 overdraft facility. Higher limits will be considered. The interest is calculated on a daily basis and charged monthly. The current rate is 1.75 per cent per month (APR 23.1).

Customers are required to repay a minimum of 5 per cent of the outstanding balance every month or £5, whichever is greater.

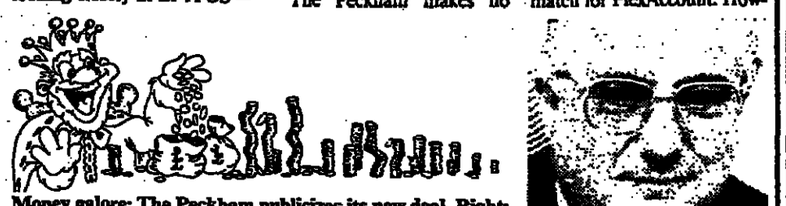
Initially, the Peckham is offering the account only to its existing customers, but intends to extend the service to non-members later in the year. However, Western Trust & Savings already markets its own Current Account Plus, which has the same terms and conditions and which is available throughout the country.

As it stands, the Peckham's Current Account Plus is no match for FlexAccount. However, improvements are already planned. By the beginning of 1988, and possibly by next month, the account will be available to everyone, and customers will be able to link this to the Supershare 2 Account, which pays 8.5 per cent at the moment.

Under this arrangement, telephone transfers from the Supershare to the Current account will be allowed. There will be no restriction on the size of the transfers, and the minimum needed to open a Supershare will probably be just £50.

Customers will also be able to have a standing order from the cheque account to the Supershare.

Amanda Pardoe



Money galore: The Peckham publicizes its new deal. Right: Roger Flemington, talking of interest at NatWest

Lower minimum at the Midland

The Midland Bank has reduced the minimum cheque withdrawal from £200 to £100 on its High Interest Cheque Account. The minimum balance remains £2,000, on which interest of 6.6 per cent net is paid. Amounts of £10,000 and above earn 7 per cent net.

Britannia Day

The Britannia, the 22-carat British gold bullion coin, will be officially launched on October 13, and will be available to the public the following day. It will be minted in four sizes, 1oz, ½oz, ¼oz and 0.1 oz.

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The Town & Country Building Society guarantees to pay 4.1 per cent above the ordinary share rate on its one-year super term share, making 9.1 per cent at present. The minimum investment is £1,000. No withdrawals are allowed. Half-yearly and monthly interest options are available at a lower rate.

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Profits with a warning

Lloyd's insurance market this week announced record profits of £279 million for the 1984 *year of account* — Lloyd's traditionally accounts three years in arrears.

More significant than the overall profit, which includes *investment income*, was the return to the black for underwriting for the first time since 1980. Underwriting showed a £138 million profit compared with a £115 million loss in 1983. The improvement is expected to gather pace leading to a better 1985 and a "vintage" 1986.

The reasons were another profitable year for marine business, a bumper year for aviation and diminishing losses on the plagued liability side. The results showed the effects of reduced capacity and higher rates following a prolonged spell of overcapacity and rate weakness.

Lloyd's names — those who pledge their wealth to underwrite insurance business — should receive a cheque for about £540 for a £10,000 share on a syndicate, according to Chatset, a company analysing the syndicates' results.

The 5.4 per cent return is, however, an average figure that masks varying performances. The advice about choosing agents and syndicates with great care is just as relevant in times of profit as during the downswings. Given the mix of results — motor in loss, aviation highly profitable but expecting a nosedive in 1985 because of the spate of *airline crashes* — the best advice continues to be to choose a spread of syndicates across the four market sectors.

A rough guide would be 45 per cent marine, 35 per cent non-marine, 10 per cent motor and 10 per cent aviation. The best pointer to which managing agent to join is to look at records by scouring Chatset's tables or those published by the Association of Lloyd's Members.

Past results are never the whole answer, owing to the huge cyclical swings in the insurance business. Chatset is warning that trouble is brewing in 1987 with marine business turning down, commercial rates in the United States under pressure and *capacity returning*.

Those thinking of joining Lloyd's may be put off by Chatset's warning that "prudent names will be hoisting *storm cones*". *The undeterred* are too late to start underwriting at the beginning of 1988. The earliest opportunity is the start of 1989 and applications for that must be in by June 30 next year.

The wealth requirements are unchanged at £100,000 free capital, that is, excluding the value of the main residence. Those thinking of joining should learn as much as possible about the business and take expert tax advice.

Lloyd's publishes a booklet entitled *Membership: The Issues* listing the key aspects of membership and including a financial facts sheet. It also carries a warning that insurance is a risk business and membership exposes names to unlimited liability.

Alison Eadie

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FAMILY MONEY/2

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■ The Bank of Scotland has improved its Home and Office Banking Service (HOBS).

Two new rate bands have been introduced on the investment account offered exclusively to HOBS subscribers. Balances of more than £100,000 will now earn base rate less 0.5 per cent, that is 9.5 per cent gross at present, and sums between £50,000 and £100,000 will earn base rate less 0.75 per cent. There are three other bands for smaller amounts paying between 1 and 3 per cent below base rate. The lowest tier is for balances of less than £1,000. The minimum sum required to open an account is £50.

The attraction of the investment account is that HOBS customers can transfer funds from their current account at the touch of a button.

The bank has also speeded up the HOBS reporting system, so that by midnight a user will now be able to see an up-to-date statement as well as details of transactions that will pass through the account the following day.

The system allows for up to six bill payments to be instructed simultaneously. Previously, only one at a time was possible.

The HOBS subscription charge for individuals is £2.50 a month, and membership of Prestel is necessary. This costs £6.50 a quarter. The rates for business customers are higher. Customers also need a viewdata terminal or a televison adaptor (£95 from the Bank of Scotland), and they have to pay telephone charges when using HOBS at the local rate.

■ *Inland Revenue* guidance has been published this week to assist employers who are thinking of introducing a profit-related pay scheme that qualifies for tax relief. Detailed information about the different choices available and examples of how the various options work are given.

The guidance notes and application forms will be sent automatically to everyone already on the Profit-Related Pay Office's mailing list. Others can obtain copies from Profit-Related Pay Office, Inland Revenue, St Mungo's Road, Cumbernauld, Glasgow G67 1YZ (0236 736121).

■ The Halifax Building Society has already opted to become an independent intermediary under the polarization rules coming into force next year. But its decision does not restrict any marketing arrangements it wants to make in connection with non-life insurance products not covered by the new rules.

So this week the Halifax launched a Contents Xtra scheme for its customers. Basically it is a contents insurance policy with the cover provided by General Accident. The best part of the scheme is the ease of calculating the insurance.



Contents cover is provided up to £30,000, with the premium determined by the number of bedrooms and the area in which the house is located.

The scheme is open to all Halifax customers.

■ The home relocation service launched by the National & Provincial Building Society enables employers to ease the burden of moving house for their employees. Under the scheme the society guarantees the purchase price of the employee's existing home. If this is accepted, the price will still be paid even if the employee moves before a buyer has been found.

To help with the next purchase, National & Provincial guarantees a mortgage. It also provides a range of ancillary services through its branch network, ranging from obtaining quotes from removal firms to contacting estate agents and finding a job for other members of the family. It will suggest hotels for temporary accommodation and provide an information pack covering civic, educational, social and recreational facilities in the new area.

The service can be arranged only through an employer, and it is the employer who pays the fee. The charge is by quotation.

■ The rise in the official interest rate recorded in Family Money last week alarmed one reader. Noting that the rate had been increased from 10.5 per cent to 11.5 per cent, he wondered why his tax office had been charging him 12 per cent.

Since 1982 the official interest rate charged on beneficial loans had been 12 per cent. This was reduced on April 6 this year to 11.5 per cent. It dropped to 10.5 per cent on June 6, and from tomorrow the rate will go back up to 11.5 per cent. So interest for the tax year ended April 5, 1987, will be charged at 12 per cent.

■ After only just over two years in unit trusts the Prudential has now claimed a place among the 10 biggest fund groups, with more than £1.2 billion under management. Today the Pru celebrates this impressive growth by launching the latest addition to its unit trust range — the Holborn International Small Companies Trust.

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The unexpected cost of cash

CREDIT CARDS

Bills of any kind are unpopular, but a Family Money reader from Surrey was particularly unhappy with one entry on his latest Access statement. The offending item was a charge for interest on the foreign currency he had purchased from a branch of Thomas Cook, the travel agency.

The cause of his annoyance, however, stemmed from what is probably a common misunderstanding — that the period of free credit is available regardless of the nature of the transaction. It is not.

Access clearly states in the conditions of issue that anyone who uses the card to buy cash will be charged interest from the date of the transaction until the amount is paid in full. But, of course, most people either ignore or forget such details.

"Cash" embraces not only sterling, but foreign currency and travellers' cheques too. The interest is charged whether the cash is purchased from a bank or elsewhere. And, in the case of travellers' cheques and foreign currency, it is totally separate from the normal commission that the supplier of the travel facilities charges.

The fact that retailers have to pay commission to Access to be able to offer this method of payment is irrelevant and, in any case, an Access spokesman said that for cash transactions, the commission that is charged is a nominal sum that simply covers the administration costs.

There are two main attractions to using a credit card to purchase cash. One is convenience, and the other, contrary as this may seem, is economy. If you are going to run up an overdraft and bank charges by using a cheque, it may be cheaper to incur interest on your Access account.

A point to remember here is that there is nothing to stop you repaying Access before your usual statement arrives, thereby minimizing the interest cost.

To make an early repayment, complete a blank paying-in slip — these are readily available on bank counters. Apart from detailing the



amount and date, you must state your Access account number and the sort code for Access. The bank cashier will be able to tell you what this is.

Barclaycard, like Access, charges for cash advances. However, its treatment is different. The free credit period is unaffected and instead there is a handling charge of 1.5 per cent of the value of the transaction.

Amanda Pardoe

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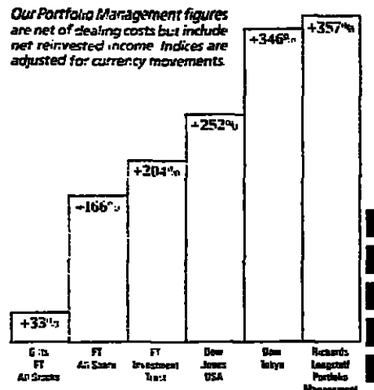
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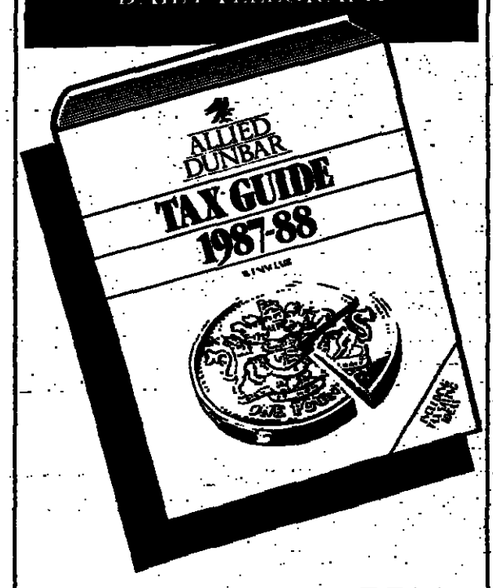
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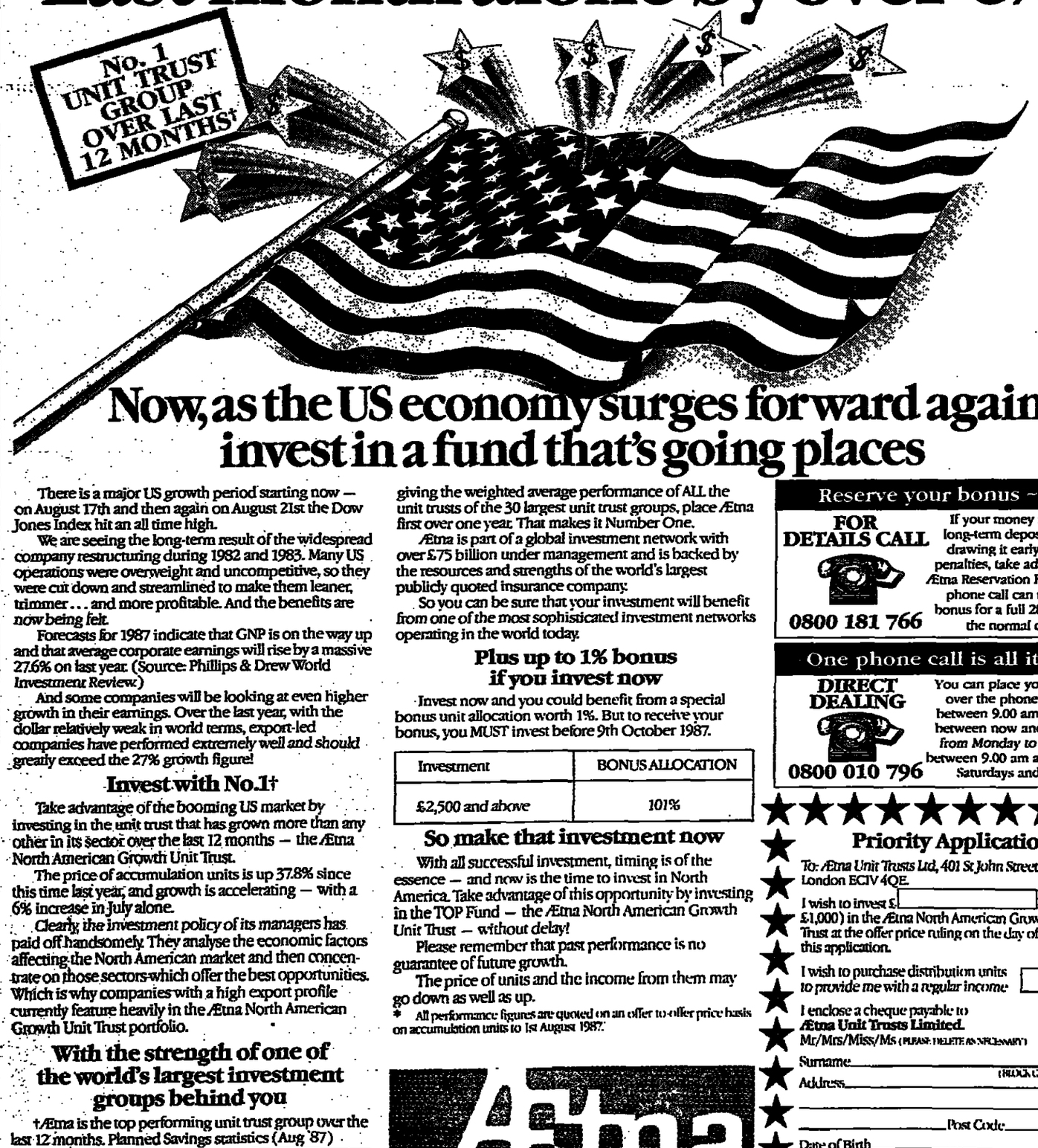
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Wise buys among the Burlington beauties

ANTIQUES

The Burlington House Fair, of interest to antique dealers and art investors alike, is being held from next Wednesday to September 20. ARDA LACEY previews the event

The Burlington House Fair, the original Antique Dealers' Fair founded in 1934 at Grosvenor House and re-sited at the Royal Academy in 1980, alternates every second year with the Paris Biennale des Antiquaires.

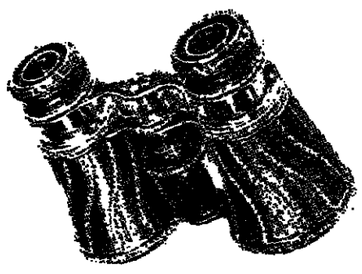
This year's 65 exhibitors come from France, The Netherlands, Monaco, Switzerland, West Germany, the United States and Britain. A distinctive feature of the fair is that it attracts many overseas exhibitors, and dealers vet and stage the show themselves in 13 of the RA's spacious galleries.

A strong Russian theme pervades the fair this year with works of Fabergé as well as Russian furniture.

As the company, Peters' Oude Kunst BV, Netherlands, says: "The world of antiques and works of art becomes more and more an international market and borders don't exist any longer."

Selected masterpieces from the Forbes Magazine New York Collection, to which the Queen, the Queen Mother and the Prince of Wales are adding Fabergé objects from their private collections, make this one of the two highlights of the fair for visitors.

The other is a display of treasures from the Victoria & Albert arranged by the National Art Collections Fund to mark the fund's 500th acquisition for the museum, covering exhibits from the first purchase in 1904 to the most recent, an illuminated script from the Naives Book of Hours, Paris.



The last Tsarina's opera glasses: The price is in six figures

Fabergé pieces can still be purchased in the open market. Both Sotheby's and Christie's hold Fabergé sales twice every year.

Attractive small items of high quality in prime condition, including jewellery, are often a safe investment. Glittering pieces can be found on the stands of Ulf Breede, of Munich, and van Kranendo Duffels, of Brussels, and those of Collingwood, Nigel Milne and Wartski.

If you are looking for small interesting silver, such as wine labels, caddy spoons, marrow scoops, skewers, teaspoons and vinaigrettes, then aim for Maurice Asprey. Charming items related to science, medical and dental curios, optical binoculars, treen and toys can be found at Harriet Wynters.

The highest price at the fair is thought to be £1,000,000 for a pair of Bronze Heraldic Beasties from the time of Henry VII.

Among the large choice of paintings is *Rehearsal of an Opera*, by Marco Ricci, priced at £295,000, and in furniture a fine Louis XVI Secrétaire à Abattant, stamped C Topino, at £100,000.

Yet there are many items in the £200-£500 range that would swell a collection. There's also a Liverpool Tile at £38.

New to the fair this year is the introduction of ethnographic art, art deco and French tapestries. Tribal art is now very popular among the younger generation and worth looking at, perhaps from an investment angle. North-eastern Congo masks greatly influenced artists such as Picasso and Derain, Epstein and Henry Moore at the beginning of the century.

What are the best buys in the short term? Probably anything beautiful, or exceptional, no matter how expensive.

In the long term comes the question of rarity. But with fresh discoveries on sea-beds with the raising of wrecks and successful land "digs", what is currently rare and expensive may not prove the case later. Paintings, porcelains and silver can be exceptions, where output has been recorded, and so can furniture.

Investing in antiques seems to be approaching the level of a national pastime. Some people would argue that it is safer than chasing paper money and it is certainly more pleasurable.

For obvious reasons, some dealers are loath to quote prices, but all items offered for sale should be marked. So here is an opportunity to ask, look and learn.

Britain takes a beating

Several stock markets hit record levels in August. The UK, where about 45 per cent of unit trusts are invested, was an exception. Performance was hit by the Gulf crisis, and fears over the June trade figures and another rise in interest rates. As a result only a few trusts made gains. There were some losses of more than 10 per cent.

The Japanese sector, however, showed no losses, and produced the month's best-performing trust, in contrast to July, when the market underwent a correction and only one fund managed a gain. As the Middle East crisis eased and oil prices weakened, the market recovered. The yen-dollar exchange rate remained a factor in choice of stocks, but in general confidence ran high in the expectation that economic recovery would bring improved corporate earnings. Only at the end of the month were there signs of caution — familiar in the Japanese market every time prices surge.

The European sector also improved after a largely disappointing year so far. Several smaller markets recorded new peaks, along with West Germany, though there the mood was clouded by uncertainty over the dollar. Sentiment was broadly favourable, but the strength of the mark has caused problems for exporters, in turn undermining market confidence.

On Wall Street the weak dollar did not prevent records as the market celebrated the fifth anniversary of its bull run. Despite unfavourable economic and political news, investors were encouraged by the market's comparative resistance. Towards the end of August there was a set-back as the currency weakened again, but most unit trusts here showed positive results.

The other poor August performers were commodity and energy funds. For much of the month gold was in favour, thanks to the Gulf crisis and South Africa's mining strike, but the price of bullion fell along with oil prices, and few funds made any headway. Nevertheless, the sector is still well represented in the one-year table, showing how commodity and energy stocks have rebounded from their low standing 12 months ago. This resurgence has also benefited trusts invested in Australia, where resources form a large part of the market.

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M & G Aust & General	226.5	Guinness Mahon Recovery	410.4
Govett Gold & Minerals	225.1	Key Income	389.0
Waverley Pacific Basin	224.0	Oppenheimer UK Growth	382.8
Henderson Australian	222.2	Fidelity Special Sits	380.9
Barclayunicorn Austral	218.5	Hill Samuel Smaller Cos	375.5
NM Schroder Gold	217.1	County Japan Growth	372.7
FT Average	144.0	FT Average	240.1

THE WORST

One Year		Three Years	
Gartmore Japan	82.7	MIM Britannia Un Engy	87.3
Beckman Intl Capital	86.8	Canada Growth	87.6
Waverley Gilmae Mae(£)	88.9	Sentinel Amer Tech	100.2
Fidelity Gilt & F.I.	90.4	Target Australia	102.6
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Portfolio Gold

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 27).

Share No	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Weekly total
1	+2	+6	+6	+5		
2	+5	+3	+5	+3		
3	+2	+5	+5	+4		
4	+4	+7	+4	+8		
5	+3	+7	+8	+4		
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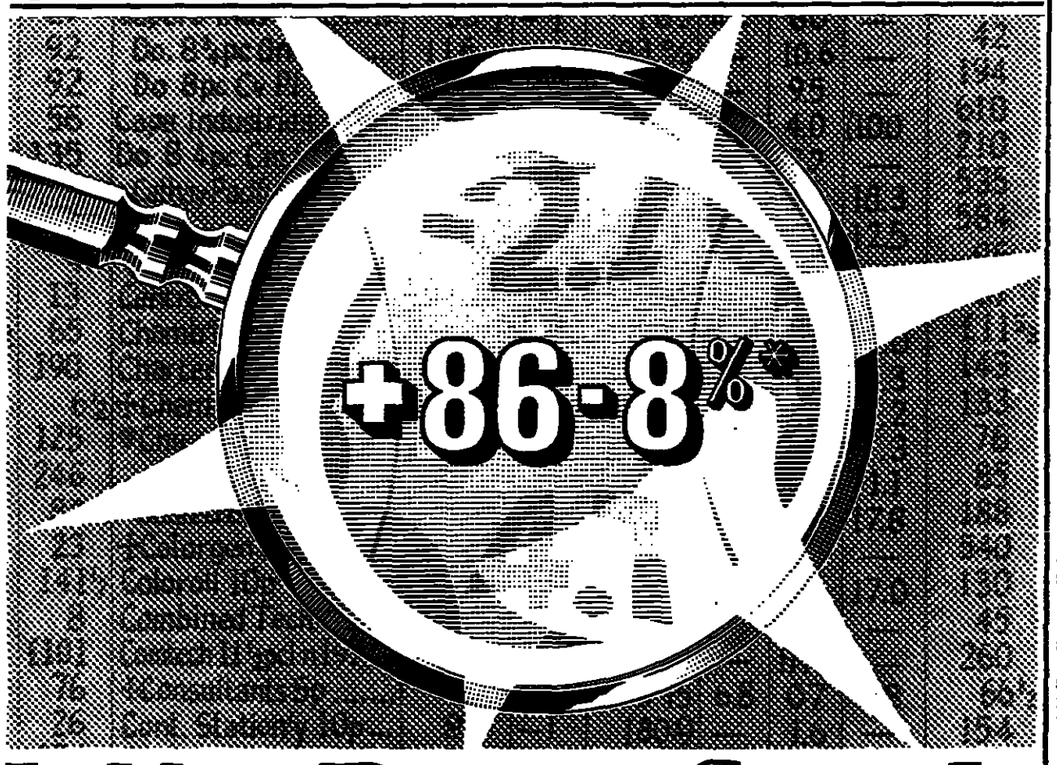
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The sudden impact of women in the 1980s on another traditionally male profession is examined by Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent



Women are suddenly making dramatic inroads into the solicitors' branch of the legal profession. This week the Law Society published its annual statistics, and the impact of women on the profession was highlighted as one "major factor of change". Women sole practitioners had increased in number since 1983 by 52 per cent; the number of women partners rose by 50 per cent and women asistant solicitors by 34 per cent.

Women now account for almost half the law graduates (and achieve better class degrees). At the same time the number of women passing the solicitors' finals examinations last year exceeded the number of men for the first time and more women passed at the first attempt.

The arrival of women in force looks set to change the face of the profession radically within 10 to 15 years. Women still account for only 20 per cent of the profession: 12,273 of the total 63,177 solicitors on the roll in England and Wales in 1986-87. But that contrasts with the rise in entrants. In 1981 only 30 per cent of admissions to the profession were women; and in 1965 only 6 per cent. In 1986 the figure was just over 44 per cent — up from around 41 per cent in 1985.

There are other signs of change. Women are no longer consigned to the traditional areas of conveyancing and divorce. Tim Olsen, partner with the City firm Durrant Piesse, said: "Women here are concentrated in litigation and commercial work, where their ratio to men is one to 2.5, compared with 1 to 4.5 in conveyancing. They have moved into the very demanding fields of corporate finance, intellectual property and tax." Clients, he added, were also "by and large" now completely confident in women solicitors.

Women have at last got into the legal profession — at least the solicitors' branch of it — but their problems are not all solved. The latest figures also show striking differences in career patterns: men are achieving partnership at about twice the rate of women, and three times as many women remain as assistant solicitors 10 years after admission, compared with men on a pro rata basis.

There is also an alarmingly high drop-out rate. After the first year of admission to the roll, the number of women solicitors with practising certificates plummets, with 36 per cent not holding a certificate after 10 years, compared with 12 per cent of men. Research is also showing that as many as 30 per cent of women with certicates are working part-time; or not at all.

Many women have found the only way to achieve partnership is to set up on their own. Linda Packard, 39, since last year a partner with Royds Barfield, the City firm, did just this. She and a solicitor friend worked from their homes in Guildford, Surrey, and Basingstoke, Hampshire, going out to see clients and "running up huge telephone bills." Her two children then were three years and six months. "We did everything except legal aid," she said. "And we developed quite a lot of shipping work."

Sarah Harman set up her own legal aid practice in Canterbury, Kent. Until recently it was an all-women firm; now it has one male articled clerk out of its total 12 staff. "We were always oriented to the welfare rights kind of work and more women seemed geared up to do that than men," explains Ms Harman, sister of the Labour MP for Peckham. Mostly her relations with other firms have been friendly; but when they started out, there was an attitude that women on their own were "a bit of a laugh".

As the practice has become successful, the women have attracted some snipes. There is still an old-fashioned view, she says, that women pose problems because they will want to go off and have children — plus a feeling that women will not be such big income-earners: "Women tend not to hobnob with the bank manager or the local estate agent over a drink. I've certainly never taken an estate agent to lunch or even bought one a cup of tea."

Amanda Royce, 39, a committee member of the Association of Women Solicitors, is one of the rapidly growing band of women sole practitioners. She runs a general practice, barring divorce and litigation, in East Sussex. "It works very well if you have small children; if they are sick, you can dash home and leave the secretary manning the telephone," she says.

So is the life of a woman solicitor more difficult, or different, from a man's? The Law Society set up a working party in June to look at the issues thrown up by the growing band of women solicitors: Are there career obstacles? Can the career patterns of working mothers be integrated with professional practice? And what are the practical solutions?

There is some opposition to treating women and their careers as a "problem". Mrs Royce says: "At the risk of sounding smug, we do not feel in general there is a problem. We think it is wrong to hive off women as a 'problem' area, in the way ethnic minorities are hived off. If women are good enough, they will succeed. Many women do not achieve partnerships because they simply do not want them."

The working party appreciates this divergence in views. Mrs Packard, who chairs it, says: "This is a very subjective area. Some women say they have never experienced any problems or discrimination in their entire life; others have had an awful time." Experiences also vary, to some extent, according to size of firm. "We are particularly appealing to women in small firms to let us know their problems. It is much easier for a larger firm to cope with providing different working arrangements for women than smaller ones."

Where there are problems, they seem to be over combining a career with children. "The single career woman who does not intend to have children is unlikely to encounter any difficulties, except perhaps at the interview when her intentions may be questioned," Mrs Packard says.

It may well be that the difficulties of trying to combine work and a family are one reason for the big drop-out. Mrs Packard suspects many women go into commerce, industry or local government, where the conditions of service are more attractive. The drop-out rate is worrying, she says, and the profession must tackle it if women are to be kept in private practice.

The working party intends to come up with practical solutions on such issues as part-time work, job-sharing and maternity leave, looked at from the firm's viewpoint as much as from the woman practitioner's. Another practical solution is the one-week refresher coures run by the Association of Women Solicitors to help women back to work after they have had a gap. Eva Crawley, who helped to found the course 10 years ago, says: "Most people have been able to find part-time work or job sharing which they never thought of before, or working from home; and all agree the course is a great help to them."

There is still resistance, however, to having part-timers, particularly part-time partners. "This is really the nub of it," Mrs Packard says. But she has no truck with the objection that "part-time partners would be impossible". If women are to remain in the profession, she says, "private practitioners are going to have to change their attitudes".

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No power to bar after deception

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Patel

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Neill

[Judgment August 7]

A person who had obtained leave to enter the United Kingdom by deception but had thereafter commited no further deception or done anything else to warrant deportation could not be deported under section 3(5)(*b*) of the Immigration Act 1971 on the basis that the secretary of state deemed his deportation to be conducive to the public good.

It followed that an immigration officer had no power under rule 85 of the *Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules* (HC 169) to refuse such a person leave to re-enter the UK as a returning resident on the ground that his exclusion was conducive to the public good.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment (Lord Justice Dillon dissenting), dismissing an appeal by the Immigration Appeal Tribunal from Mr Justice Taylor who on December 4, 1986 had granted the applicant, Mr Anilkumar Ravindrabhai Patel, judicial review by way of an order of *certiorari* to bring up and quash a decision of the tribunal, which had held that the chief immigration officer had rightly refused him re-entry to the UK.

Mr Nigel Pleming for the tribunal; Mr Andrew Collins, QC and Mr Vasam Kothari for the applicant.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON, dissenting, said that the tribunal had conceded that if there were no power to deport the applicant under section 3(5)(*b*) it would have been wrong to refuse him leave to re-enter under rule 85.

The judge had concluded, on the basis of a passage from the speech of Lord Bridge of Harwich in *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Khawaja* ([1984] AC 74, 117-8) with which the other members of the House had expressed general agreement, that the secretary of state had no power under section 3(5)(*b*) of the 1971 Act to deport a person who had obtained entry by deception but had not thereafter practised any deception in order to remain here.

The tribunal contended that that passage was *obiter*, as the Court of Appeal had held it to be in *R v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Owusu-Sekyere* (*The Times* April 20, 1987).

In his Lordship's judgment that passage formed part of the *ratio* in *Khawaja*, but he did not take Lord Bridge to have decided that the secretary of state could never under section 3(5)(*b*) deport a person whose only deception had been in connection with his status on original entry.

In *R v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Cheema* ([1982] Imm AR 124) and *Owusu-Sekyere* the Court of Appeal had decided that the section 3(5)(*b*) power could be exercised to deport a person who had obtained limited leave *to enter honestly but had subsequently* obtained unlimited leave to remain by deception.

His Lordship could see no satisfactory legal basis for the view advanced by the applicant that the section 3(5)(*b*) power could be exercised in the case of indefinite leave to remain obtained by post-entry deception but was not available where a person had obtained indefinite leave to enter by deception on his original entry.

If his Lordship was right in his analysis of Lord Bridge's words, or if they were *obiter*, it therefore followed from *Cheema* and *Owusu-Sekyere* that there was power to deport the applicant under section 3(5)(*b*) and there was no basis for interfering with the decision of the tribunal or the immigration officer. For his part his Lordship would therefore allow the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHEN BROWN said that although the Court of Appeal in *Owusu-Sekyere* had said that Lord Bridge's *dictum* was *obiter* the majority had said that a distinction could be drawn between the position of a person whose entry was illegal and that of one whose deception at a later date had brought about an extension of his residential rights.

Whether Lord Bridge's words had been *ratio* or *obiter* they were to be heeded and given full effect, despite the apparent illogicality of the distinction which resulted. His Lordship would therefore hold that it had been wrong to refuse the applicant leave to re-enter, and dismiss the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that he was impressd by the argument that no satisfactory distinction could be drawn between cases of post-entry deception and deception which had procured leave to enter and that in view of the decisions in *Cheema* and *Owusu-Sekrere* the power deport ought to arise in the applicant's case.

However, the court must also take account of what Lord Bridge had said in *Khawaja*. Whether that was part of the *ratio decidendi* or not it should be treated with great respect as authoritative guidance as to the scope of the section 3(5)(*b*) power. Read as a whole, it was clear that Lord Bridge was saying that a person who had obtained leave to enter by deception could not on that basis alone be deported under section 3(5)(*b*).

His Lordship agreed with Lord Justice Stephen Brown and the appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Stocken & Lambert.

Applying for extension of validity of writ

Goldenglow Nut Food Co Ltd v Commodia (Produce) Ltd and Others

Before Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Bush

[Judgment July 31]

An applicant for extension of the validity of a writ needed to show no more than a "good reason" why such an extension should be granted, except where, at the date of the application, the writ had already ceased to be valid and the relevant limitation period had expired. The fact that a defendant already knew of possible claims against him could be a relevant consideration in deciding whether such a good reason had been shown.

Where, leave having previously been granted to serve the writ out of the jurisdiction, it had not at the date of such an application been served on a defendant out of the jurisdiction (and the limitation period had not expired), an important consideration in deciding whether such a good reason had been shown would be whether leave would then be granted to serve a fresh writ out of the jurisdiction.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff from Mr Justice Rougier, who on October 31, 1986 had discharged a master's order extending the validity of the plaintiff's writ and had set aside service of it on the second defendant out of the jurisdiction.

Mr Sean Overend for the plaintiff; Mr Bernard Eder for the second defendant.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that, although the decision of the House of Lords in *Kleinwort Benson Ltd v Barbrak Ltd (The Myrto (No 3))* ([1987] 2 WLR 1053) was principally concerned with cases where questions of limitation arose on an application for the extension of the validity of a writ, the principle to be extracted from it was not to be confined to such cases, since the decision was founded on the proper construction of Order 6, rule 8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Although the limitation period might not have expired, the relevant considerations on which to decide whether leave to serve a writ out of the jurisdiction should be granted might be very different when an application to extend the validity of the writ was made than they had been when leave to serve it out of the jurisdiction had first been granted.

If the probabilities were that in all the circumstances such leave would not be given in respect of a fresh writ at the date of the application to extend the validity of the original writ, that must militate against the granting of such an application where its purpose was to enable the original writ to be served out of the jurisdiction pursuant to leave previously granted.

The basic rule remained "has a good reason been shown to extend the validity of the writ ?", but the international aspects of any case were clearly material in answering that question.

The headnote in *Multinational Gas and Petrochemical Co v Multinational Gas and Petrochemical Services Ltd* ([1983] Ch 258, 260) was inaccurate. Lord Justice Dillon had not there agreed with Lord Justice May that although the predominant reason for making a person a party to an action had been to bring an action in England against a foreign defendant nevertheless the first person could be a "proper party" to the action. Lord Justice Dillon had in fact agreed with the contrary view expressed by Lord Justice Lawton, and that consequently had been the majority opinion of the court.

Mr Justice Bush agreed.

Solicitors: Bunyard & Co, Highbury; Ingledew Brown Bennison & Garrett.

No liability for destroying tree

Groveside Homes Ltd v Elmbridge Borough Council

The owner of land on which there was a tree the subject of a tree preservation order made by the local authority, was not guilty of an offence of uprooting the tree, contrary to section 102(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, which had been carried out, contrary to the owner's strict instructions, by an unknown employee of independent contractors who were carrying out developments on the land.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice Mann) so held on July 10 when they quashed the conviction of the appellant company by the Esher and Walton Justices on November 14, 1986, and a £500 fine.

MR JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that although the offence under section 102(1) was one of strict or absolute liability, and a landowner could be held vicariously liable if the evidence had established that, since, in the instant case, the independent contractor had acted in breach of instructions to the contrary, the appellant company was not liable.

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FOOTBALL: MOSES AND DUXBURY COULD BENEFIT FROM UNITED CAPTAIN'S MISFORTUNE

Robson's thigh injury is the latest blow to England

By Clive White

Bobby Robson, the England manager, suffered another *major blow to his hopes of* achieving a morale-boosting performance against West *Germany in Düsseldorf on* Wednesday when his namesake and captain, Bryan Robson, *ruled himself out after* breaking down in training yesterday.

England have already lost Butcher, the foundation stone of their defence, and this latest mishap to *befall* Robson robs England of their driving force just as he was returning to his finest form. It will, however, be the first time since November of last year when England beat Yugoslavia 2-0 at Wembley that they have been without the inspiring Robson.

The injury to Robson's thigh also deprives Manchester United of his services at a time when they appear to be building a base for their first genuine title challenge in eight seasons. Robson, who missed Monday's victory over Chelsea, appeared to have made good progress this week but it all dissolved with just one kick in training yesterday.

"He was running okay on Thursday and he tried kicking *the ball today but he had only* one kick and felt the thigh, so I do not intend taking any chances," *Alex Ferguson, the* United manager, said as he prepared for a game, against Coventry City at Highfield Road, which could see United emerge as the new leaders of the first division.

Robson's misfortune is another man's gain, or in this case, two men's gain. While Ferguson looks to Albiston as United's deputy, he also recommends another man from Old Trafford as a suitable replacement for Robson — Moses. Indeed the United manager is feeling bold *enough to suggest two.*

"I would recommend Moses and Duxbury to Mr Robson. They have both been giving excellent performances," Ferguson said, adding not without some poignance, "Duxbury is a good competitive player who never gets injured and who never gets himself into trouble."

But since Robson has already named his squad a more *realistic deputy is Neil Webb,* who plays with a passion reminiscent of Robson himself. *First choice would nor*mally be Reid, of Everton, but the manager may be tempted to give Webb the chance to stake a healthy claim with his first cap following a mature *performance for England* against the Rest of the World last month.

Ferguson may soon have to come to terms with the Robson situation and consider dipping into the *transfer mar*ket for a quality midfield player to reinforce United, if not replace Robson.

John Sillett, Ferguson's opposite number at Coventry, met his problem head on yesterday and demonstrated the sort of bravery that wins trophies — or gets managers the sack. Despite the recovery from tonsillitis of the popular Regis, he restored him no further to the Coventry team than the substitutes' bench, preferring instead Houchen, whom he thought was the man of the match in Coventry's victory at Hillsborough on Monday.

Regis is in good company; Kilcline, the captain, is also out of favour following the *concession of eight goals in the* opening four matches. Central defence is not the only prob*lem which Coventry have to* overcome if they, also, are to mount a realistic challenge.

Sillett underlined the club's serious intentions yesterday by confirming that after watching Aberdeen against Celtic in midweek he had offered Aberdeen £500,000 for Robertson, aged 18, their left back. The Scottish club refused the offer.

In the meantime Sillett continues with Rodger at *centre back and Sedgley in* midfield, two young men who both scored against Sheffield Wednesday.

FA idea approved

The British Government will not stand in the way of Argentina taking part in a competition at Wembley next spring, a Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday. The Football Association has decided to open negotiations to bring the World Cup holders to England for the first time since the Falklands conflict. The FA confirmed yesterday that Argentina would be the ideal opponents in the Rous Cup — a three-way competition that includes Scotland. A Foreign Office spokesman said: "We have always said we want to see practical arrangements to im*prove relations with* Argentina."



Think-tank: (from left to right) Shreeve, Smith, Campbell and Sibley (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Loftus Road's thoughtful four

If Queen's Park Rangers fail to stay top of the Football League it will not be for want of ideas. *Working on the premise that two* heads are better than one, Jim Smith, the manager, decided that four would be better still. "Some people might say that it is a bit strong," Smith said, "but the problems you get in a club usually we've all seen before and one of us comes up with a reasonable answer most of the *time. It's very useful."*

The Rangers' revolutionary think-tank consists of four man*agers with 112 years of League* experience among them: Smith, Frank Sibley, his assistant, Bobby Campbell, the youth manager, and, perhaps, most interesting, Peter Shreeve, formerly the manager of Tottenham Hotspur and the newly appointed first-team coach.

Some managers might find such assistance a bit intimidating but Smith says, "I've never been one to worry about my back. *I just want to employ* people who can do the job. We're all working towards one common *end. I think we're fortunate to* get such a quality staff.

"If you want good players and *good teams you need good* people around them, certainly at the younger level. A good youth manager can save you thousands," he says.

Shreeve had been out of work since his dismissal by Tottenham when Smith invited him to *help out with the reserves. "He's* done a tremendous job. Coaching is his forte and having worked at one of the biggest clubs there are things that I can learn from him and vice versa."

Smith could have done with such moral support when he first arrived at the club three seasons *ago. It was full of player cliques* which Alan Mullery, the previous manager, claimed had destroyed him. "It had been like that since Terry Venables left, but I think we've succeeded in breaking that up now," Smith said.

"You only need one rotten apple and he'll turn everything bad, particularly if you're not winning. You can never change them, maybe for about six weeks, but they always revert to type. They chip away until they get someone on their side and then they're joined by the young ones, who are not in the team but think they should be. In the end *they'll defeat you and what* you're trying to achieve. It's my job to get those sort of people out *and new ones in."*

He sold Fillery, Lee, James, Chivers and Rosenior and bought O'Neill, Coney, Parker, Brock and Dennis. The signing of the mischievous Dennis, one might think, was a curious way *of cleansing a club. But Smith* said: "I've known Mark since my days at Birmingham and I can handle him. I know he's brought a lot on his own head but he's misunderstood at times. In a funny way he can add to the spirit in a dressing room." So far Dennis has played four games without a booking which suggests that *Smith is winning. He* has tried to repeat the Oxford recipe and get players to believe *in each other and the team.*

Throughout his managerial career Smith has found himself dogged by controversy, unwillingly involved in the games of cloak and dagger that chairmen *love to play. Few men have found* the managerial hot seat more uncomfortable.

He recalls: "After all that happened at Oxford and then to come to a new club and go straight to Wembley, even if we did cock it up there, made me think 'we're on our way, we're getting there'. Then last season it all went wrong. It refuelled me to think I want to get back to those good days. Maybe, in all honesty, I've put more determination into it this season."

Smith, now working under another new chairman, David Buistrode, has been impressed with the efforts being made to improve the club's standing. *The think-tank has also come up* with a new tactical system involving a sweeper, two central defenders marking man-to-man, the full backs pushed in, and three forwards with one in the hole just behind the other two.

Their success with the unfavoured sweeper system is interesting. They are the only side in the first division using one on a regular basis. It has made them particularly difficult to break down. In 13 games, including League matches and friendlies, they have conceded just three goals and are unbeaten.

The extra quality pre-season matches they organized to help fit in the new players has given the club a flying start to the season. "*I just hope the chair*man doesn't think this is normal," Smith joked. The *seeds of a very successful future* have been sown with the grass seeds to follow at the end of the season, when the plastic pitch is being rolled up two years before being outlawed, much to Smith's delight. "Mind you, if we win the League we might be tempted to ask if we can keep it."

Clive White

RACING

Conditions perfect for Triptych to take honours again

From Our Irish Correspondent, Dublin

With the rain clouds gathering over Dublin last night and the latest report from the track that the going was on the yielding side of good, conditions should be ideal for that much travelled and consistently brilliant French mare Triptych in tomorrow's Phoenix Champion Stakes at the Phoenix Park.

Triptych was beaten in the corresponding race last year but appears to be an improved mare this season. Her trainer, Patrick Biancone, has probably made a wise decision in deferring her travel arrangements until early tomorrow morning.

Last time out, she brought her lifetime earnings close to the £500,000 mark by beating Ascot Knight two lengths in the Matchmaker International at York. The ground then rode very soft, and this undoubtedly impeded the prospects of Ascot Knight, who takes her on again.

Triptych has been competing in top company over four seasons. She started her career in France where she was the champion juvenile filly and then had a spell in Ireland with David O'Brien for whom she won the Irish 2,000 Guineas.

She has likewise had a variety of riders through her career and Steve Cauthen fell in for a chance mount at York through injury to Tony Cruz, who will be back aboard her tomorrow.

This is a really genuine international contest as Triptych and Ascot Knight are just two of the eight English and French runners.

One of the more interesting has to be the Paul Cole-trained Broken Hearted, unbeaten in four races this season and a still improving three-year-old as he showed when beating Saint Andrews in the group two Prix Guillaume D'Ornano at Deauville.

A rather similar record has been put together by his French counterpart Groom Dancer. For while he was unplaced to Reference Point in the Epsom Derby, he has never been beaten this season on his home ground.

There is little to choose on paper between the Vincent O'Brien pair, Fair Judgment and Entitled, even if stable jockey Cash Asmussen has picked the former.

I visualize Triptych confirming the York form with Ascot Knight, but by a much-reduced margin.

PHOENIX PARK LINE-UP BBC2

Going: good to yielding Draw: no advantage

3.50 DUNNES STORES ST BERNARD PHOENIX CHAMPION STAKES (Group I: £267,500: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

1	010000	SHARP NOBLE 5 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) S Mellor 5-9-6	M Wigham 9
2	111-111	COCKNEY LASS 137 (CD,F,G) (A Paulson) D Weld 4-9-3	M Kinane 6
3	0-11331	TRIPTYCH 19 (C,D,G,S) (A Clore) P Biancone (Fr) 5-9-3	A Cruz 3
4	220112	ASCOT KNIGHT 19 (D,G) (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-11	W R Swinburn 2
5	2-1111	BROKEN HEARTED 22 (D,G) (F Salman) P Cole 3-8-11	T Quinn 4
6	12031	ENTITLED 22 (B,F,G) (R Sangster) M V O'Brien 3-8-11	D Gillespie 1
7	114	FAIR JUDGMENT 39 (C,D,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M V O Brien 3-8-11	C Asmussen 11
8	3-11101	GROOM DANCER 43 (D,F,G,S) (M Warner) T Clout (Fr) 3-8-11	D Boisf 5
9	100304	ISLAND REEF 17 (C,G,S) (Mrs M O'Connell) K Prendergast 3-8-11	G Curran 12
10	2-31114	MOTLEY 19 (D,G,S) (N Hunt) J Pease (Fr) 3-8-11	R Cochrane 10
11	001310	RISK ME 8 (D,G,S) (L Norris) P Kelleway 3-8-11	S Cauthen 7
12	11-2001	INVITED GUEST 21 (D,G) (R Hubbard) R Armstrong	3-8-8 M Roberts 8

BETTING: 7-4 Triptych, 7-2 Ascot Knight, 11-2 Broken Hearted, 7-1 Fair Judgment, 8-1 Entitled, 10-1 Risk Me, 12-1 Groom Dancer, 14-1 Invited Guest, 16-1 Motley.

Majestic Miesque to hold the upper hand

From Our French Correspondent, Paris

Europe's top milers, Miesque *and Soviet Star, meet for the* first time tomorrow, when they contest the £105,418 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp Ecurie Fustok over a mile at Longchamp.

Although Clive Brittain, who sends Hadeer, may disagree, the group one race is virtually a match between the French stars.

Miesque (Freddy Head) has met defeat once this year, and only then at the hands of the brilliant Indian Skimmer when conditions were not in her favour.

Over a mile on decent going, Miesque has looked untouchable this term, no more so than when winning the Prix Jacques Le Marois at Deauville recently with breathtaking ease. Her connections report their filly in *great form, and she should take* all the beating.

Soviet Star (Greville Starkey) is a champion in his own right, as wins in the Swettenham Stud Sussex Stakes and the Poule *D'Essai des Poulains (French* 2,000) will testify.

He has never won with quite *the same authority as Miesque,* however, and on a line through Milligram has something to find with the filly.

● In the absence of Triptych, Acatenango (Georg Bocskai) may have the edge over the rejuvenated Moon Madness (John Reid) in the £70,175 Grosser Preis von Baden (group one), over 12 furlongs at Baden-Baden.

Results from three meetings

Kempton Park

Going: good

2.5 (1m 1f) 1, BOY JAMIE (B Lane, 9-2 fav); 2, Cheerful Times (P Barnard, 8-1); 3, Design Wise (Abigail Richards, 12-1). 4, Xylophone (G King, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Kamaness, 8 Dimension, 9 Philosophical, 10 Golden Beau, 12 Talk Of Glory (5th), 16 Remmscing, 20 Castle Melody, Rest And Welcome, Willbe Willbe, 33 Full Pursuit, Thereafter (6th), 50 Out Of Harmony, Cradle Of Jazz, Chatterspark, Megadyne, Surprise Attack. 20 ran. NR: Mendip Star. Nk, 1l, 4l, ½l, nk, M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £4.10: £1.30, £1.90, £5.50, £2.80. DF: £15.60. CSF: £42.45. Tricast: £421.44. 1min 54.48sec. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

2.35 (1m 2f) 1, NOM DE PLUME (S Cauthen, 4-11 fav); 2, Trojan Miss (W Carson, 9-1); 3, Professional Girl (Pat Eddery, 7-2). 3 ran. 2l, 3l, H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.30. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.89. 2min 6.73sec.

3.10 (6f) 1, RAHY (W R Swinburn, 1-3 fav; Mandarin's and Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Sungull (W Carson, 9-2); 3, Poyle George (Pat Eddery, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 50 Fire Top (4th), 4 ran. Hd, 6l, 8l, M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £1.30. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.15. 1min 12.96sec.

3.40 (1m 3f 30yd) 1, KNOCKANDO (R Cochrane, 2-1); 2, Gesedeh (B Raymond, 9-1); 3, Grand Tour (P Cook, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Bellotto (4th), 20 Chaumiere, Kalberto (6th), 50 Hollow Hand (5th), 100 Littleton Rory. 8 ran. 2l, 1½l, 21½l, ¾l, L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £3.60; £1.20, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £5.50. CSF: £16.72. 2min 21.59sec.

4.10 (1m) 1, STOCK HILL LASS (N Adams, 4-1); 2, Bold Pitteger (W Carson, 11-4 fav); 3, Bowl Over (P Cochrane, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Abbasar, 10 Prince Merandi, 12 Coincidental, Merle (4th), Stanley, 20 Love Train (6th), Yuvraj (5th). 10 ran. NR: Footstool. 3l, ¾l, 1l, nk, nk, L Cottrell at Cullompton. Tote: £3.30; £1.10, £1.40, £5.90. DF: £4.20. CSF: £13.25. Tricast: £103.18. 1min 38.10sec.

4.40 (1m) 1, SPRING SUNSET (N Adams, 10-1); 2, Gentle Persuasion (T Ives, 12-1); 3, Fresh Thoughts (C Rutter, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Trojan Desert, 7 Lashing, 12 Pathos, 14 Sherbella. Just Mine (4th), 16 Surely Great, 20 Ibtidaar, Miss Cuddles, 25 Lake Tana (6th). Echo Valley (6th), 33 Derring Dee. 14 ran. ¾l, ¾l, hd, sh hd, 1½l. D Arbuthnot at Compton. Tote: £12.00: £2.80, £4.50, £1.90. DF: £847.10. CSF: £106.53. Tricast: £454.89. 1min 38.90sec.

5.10 (7f) 1, GRUNDYS FLAME (P Cook, 33-1); 2, Native Dress (T Ives, 7-1); 3, Sergeant Meryll (N Adams, 10-1); 4, Bay Bluss (S Dawson, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Mr Mashbub (5th), 10 Pensurchin, Torrance, Walk Softly, 11 Get On Geraghty, 12 Distant Ruler, What A Guy, 16 Saffron Light, 20 Princess Cinders, Swiss Connection, Wonderful William (6th), 33 Imaginary Sky, Moon Indigo, Bay Commilly, Billingbear Lad. 19 ran. 1½l, nk, 2l, 2½l, 1½l. W Hastings-Bass at Newmarket. Tote: £77.30; £13.90, £1.60, £2.40, £5.90. DF: £404.70. CSF: £225.71. Tricast: £2,245.13. 1min 25.94sec.

Jackpot: £3,139.05. Placepot: £18.70.

Haydock Park

Going: good

2.15 (1m) 1, LOVER'S SECRET (T Williams, 6-1); 2, Call Loma Havon (M Roberts, 20-1); 3, Bong Tree (J Reid, 9-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt-fav Shoot The Pot, 5 Master Potter, 8 Lead On Henry, Precious Path, 12 Angus Princess, 14 Proust (5th), Sayyaf's Daughter, 20 El Padrino Uno, Green Blaze (4th), L G's Pride, Royal Mile (6th). 14 ran. 5l, 1l, 3l, ½l, ¾l, P Haslam at Newmarket. Tote: £6.40; £2.10, £6.80, £2.20. DF: £65.40. CSF: £114.47. 1min 46.14sec. Winner bought in for 5,800gns.

2.45 (1m) 1, BOULEVARD GIRL (F Hills, 14-1); 2, Final Sound (T Williams, 7-1); 3, Michelle My Girl (S Perks, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Whistling Artist (4th), 9-2 Blushing Event, 6 Britannia Bell (5th), 10 Im Game (6th), 20 Kitty's Beck, Lolly's Luck, 33 Gimys Slipper, Rambo Warrior, Summer Fruit. 12 ran. NR: Ghazadeli Square. 1½l, ¾l, hd, ¾l, hd, C Booth at Flaxton. Tote: £28.10; £4.40, £2.50, £1.50. DF: £84.80. CSF: £105.81. 1min 48.32sec. Winner in for 5,200gns.

3.15 (6f) 1, FAG IN HAND (M Hills, 4-1 fav); 2, Queen Of Aragon (S Perks, 14-1); 3, Thomas Leng (K Darley, 16-1). 4, Tempt Providence (K Hodgson, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Rose Sundae, So It Goes, 8 Parressa, 9 Tzigane, 10 Valzalu, 11 Hahoya, Yuffrouw Ann, 12 Tina's Song, 14 Laura's Delight, 16 Rapid Flames, 25 L'Addaon, Bank View (6th), Big Attch (5th). 17 ran. 1l, 4l, sh hd, hd, 1l, W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £5.70; £1.90, £2.20, £4.90, £7.90. DF: £30.60. CSF: £83.58. Tricast: £785.26. 1min 14.36sec.

3.45 (1m 6f) 1, ZERO WATT (G Starkey, 1-2 fav; Michael Seely's nap); 2, Blenton Reserve (C Asmussen, 6-1); 3, Spring Along (M Roberts, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Crested (4th), Snayman, 14 Tale Of Intrigue (6th), Tell The Story, 33 Charlie Dickins, Roiad (5th), Grecian Dancer, Majestic Miss, 11 ran. 4l, sh hd, 5l, hd, 5l, G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £1.50, £2.00. DF: £2.70. CSF: £5.10. 3min 03.88sec.

4.15 (1m 4f) 1, CRYSTAL MOSS (J Carter, 9-2); 2, Ballydurrow (D Nicholls, 10-1); 3, Bold Illusion (G Bardwell, 14-1). 4, Bronze Runner (Dana Mellor, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Snowlast (6th), 10 Shamayll, 11 It's Varadan, 12 String Polyer, 16 Record Wing, Wirkrush, 20 Chalisse, Konrad Wolf, Minerton Lad, 33 In Contention (5th), Relicons. Mr Gardner, 16 ran. NR: Reno Ralph. 1½l, 4l, 1½l, 2½l, sh hd, W Brooks at Lambourn. Tote: £9.10: £1.70, £2.70, £2.70, £2.50. DF: £20.40. CSF: £51.94. Tricast: £561.20. 2min 30.14sec.

4.45 (1m) 1, ILKOMO (S Perks, 14-1); 2, Cosmic Ray (J H Brown, 5-2 jt-fav); 3, Lynsdale Boy (M Birch, 5-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Sweet Sarah Jane, 7 Mottram s Gold, 12 Chance Chip, Nom De Fort, 16 Glencree, Plasi Bach, 20 Orty (5th), 25 Buzzards Mad (4th), 33 Miss Dionysos. 12 ran. NR: Whisky Trail. ½l, nk, sh hd, 2l, 5l, R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £16.80; £3.70, £1.80, £1.50. DF: £41.30. CSF: £50.38. 1min 45.83sec. After a stewards' inquiry, Glencree who finished third was disqualified and placed last. No bad.

5.15 (1m) 1, INSAN (T Quinn, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Watership (C Asmussen, 3-1 jt-fav); 3, Alwar Asifo (B Proctor, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 5 My Lamb (5th), Folansky (4th), 12 Merlin's Song, 16 Sosprando, Magic Carpet, 20 Northgate Dancer, 25 Five Towns (6th), Dancing Monarch, 33 Father Kelly, Package Provided, 13 ran. NR: Church Lyric. nk, 4l, 2½l, 1¼l, 2l, P Cole at Whitsonsdale. Tote: £4.00; £1.80, £1.50, £2.00. DF: £5.10. CSF: £13.43. 1min 43.35sec.

5.45 (5f) 1, SKI CAPTAIN (M Birch, 12-1); 2, Maudrake Madam (M Fry, 25-1); 3, China Gold (M Wood, 16-1); 4, Iberian Star (D Nicholls, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav George William, 5 Derwent Valley (5th), Mrs Sauge (6th), 8 Young Snugfit, 13-2 Double Gift, 9 Celtic Bird, 12 Dancing Bella, 14 Pineapple's Pride, 20 Bo' Babbity, 25 Blazing High, 33 Spring Pastures, Oxstall's Lady. 16 ran. ¾l, nk, nk, 1½l, ½l, J Etherington at Malton. Tote: £12.90; £2.60, £6.00, £2.10, £3.90. DF: £1098.20. CSF: £270.05. Tricast: £4348.58. 1min 00.70sec.

Placepot: £110.45

Hereford

Going: firm

2.0 (2m 3f ndle) 1, Frangnito (A Charlton, 11-10 fav); 2, Aunty Ismay (4-1); 3, On Impulse (12-1). 8 ran. NR: Star Chance, 4l, sh hd, G Balding. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.80, £2.90. DF: £5.20. CSF: £5.67.

2.30 (2m ndle) 1, Aldington Bell (S Earle, 11-4); 2, Elena Palmo (13-2); 3, Parkes Bar (3-1). Rosy Cheeks. 9-4 fav, 9 ran. 5l, 6l, C Tristram. Tote: £3.50; £1.40, £2.20, £2.40. DF: £14.40. CSF: £19.65.

3.0 (2m chl) 1, Mallstrano (R Dunwoody, 4-5 fav); 2, Rising Sovereign (13-8); 3, Wisemans Bridge (12-1). 4 ran. 5l, 15l, T Casey. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.42.

3.30 (2m 3f ch) 1, Juvenile Prince (S Buckley, 5-4 fav); 2, King's Jug (6-4). Only two finished. 3 ran. Dist, M Oliver. Tote: £2.10. DF: £1.30. CSF: £3.12.

4.0 (2m ch) 1, Skylander (K Mooney, 1-2 fav); 2, The Welder (13-8); 3, Johnny Tarquin (20-1). 4 ran. 4l, 4l, F Walwyn. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.69.

4.30 (2m 3f ndle) 1, Tropical Mist (W Irvine, 4-9 fav); 2, Avebury (5-1); 3, Slip Up (7-1). 5 ran. 15l, 12l, G Ham. Tote: £1.40; £1.20, £1.50. DF: £2.70. CSF: £3.23

Placepot: £8.00.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Charlton v QPR
Charlton have dropped Bolder, Pender, Thompson and Melrose and called up Johns, Shirtliff, Milne and Walsh. Williams is set to start for the first time. Rangers *are unchanged.*

Chelsea v Nottingham F
Hazard and Clarke face fitness tests for Chelsea. Fleming received an injury in midweek when Forest lost a two-goal lead to Southampton and delay their *team announcement.*

Coventry v Manchester U
United will again be without *Robson. Moses deputizes.* Regis, recovered from tonsilitis, is kept out of the Coventry team by Houchen. Rodger and Sedgley are also retained which means no place for Kidcline, the captain.

Derby v Portsmouth
Derby are expected to be unchanged, but MacLaren, Cross and Garner are added to the squad. Ball, recovered from a knee operation, may be recalled as sweeper for Portsmouth. Hardyman, Sandford and Whitehead are injured.

Everton v Tottenham
Everton's Sheedy has a recurrence of Achilles tendon trouble and Power faces a test on his knee. Tottenham hope that Hodge will shake off the after effects of a stomach bug. Samways stands by.

Newcastle v Wimbledon
Mirandinha makes his home debut for Newcastle but his striking *partner, Goddard, is still* unavailable with a thigh injury. Sayer and Cork stand by to replace Gibson who injured his knee in Wimbledon's midweek game.

Oxford v Luton
Saunders starts his first game of the season for Oxford. Harford returns from suspension for Luton.

Soton v Sheffield Wed
Wallace may return after injury for Southampton if Baker fails a fitness test. Wednesday field Proctor and Galvin, their new signings, but are still without *Marwood and Chamberlain.*

Watford v Norwich
Elliott, of Norwich, stands by to deputize for Butterworth who has a groin strain. Watford will be unchanged.

West Ham v Liverpool
Liverpool take a squad of 15 including one injured player whom they refused to name. West Ham contemplate their first change in four matches; Strodder for the more experienced Hilton.

HORSE TRIALS

Leng leads after near perfection

From Jenny MacArthur, Luhmühlen

Virginia Leng, the reigning World and European champion, made an inspired start to the defence of the latter title when she went into the lead at the end of yesterday's dressage phase of the European three-day-event *championships after her* 14-year-old gelding, Night Cap, produced the best performance of his long career.

Mrs Leng's 38 marks together with Ian Stark's 43.6 on Sir Wattie, *which has put him into* third place, has helped give the British team 25 marks in hand over the second-placed West Germans whose best team score came from Claus Erhorn on the former British horse, Justyn Thyme. The crucial test, however, in Britain's bid for a second successive gold medal *comes in today's speed and* endurance phase.

Nils Haagensen, of Denmark, *is within sight of his second* European gold medal after a polished performance on Avoca Valley put them in second place — less than a point ahead of Stark. Haagensen won his first gold here on Monaco at the 1979 European championships.

From the moment Mrs Leng made her perfect entry down the centre line it was clear that this was to be no ordinary performance. Night Cap produced a test of near perfection.

Later Mrs Leng, who said that she could not have asked for more, added that she was grateful to Stark for allowing her to go third in the team rather than fourth enabling Night Cap to do his dressage in the calm of the morning rather than in the late afternoon when the atmosphere is more highly charged.

Stark was rewarded for his generosity. Sir Wattie, winner of last year's Badminton, produced a light, rhythmic test with *excellent trot work.*

Like the other British team members, Stark intends to take the boldest, quickest route over today's 32 fences with the exception of the second water *complex where the fast route* — over a big white bench straight into the lake — has already been dubbed "suicide leap".

RESULTS: Individual placings after dressage: 1, Night Cap (V Leng, GB), 38; 2, Avoca Valley (N Haagensen, Den), 43; 3, *Sir Wattie (I Stark, GB), 43.6;* 4, *Justyn* Thyme (C Erhorn, WG), 44.4; 5, Sherry (T Kasparert, WG), 49; 6, Banytet (V Davidowich, USSR), 50.8; 6, Niewiarza (B Jarecki, Pol), 50 6. **Other British placings:** 9, Sharmagh (L Green), 52.4; 16, Abat (R Hunt), 58; 13, King's Jester (J Thelwall), 59; 24, Cartier (M Phillips), 60.6. **Team placings:** 1, Britain, 134; 2, West Germany, 159.8; 3, Sweden, 176.8; 4, Poland, 179. 5, Netherlands, 182.4; 6, France, 183.2.

CYCLING

British rider loses in a mass finish

From Peter Bryan, Villach, Austria

Lisa Brambani, Britain's na*tional champion, missed a world* championship medal by a cycle length here yesterday, finishing *fifth in the 40-mile road race.* The Liversedge competitor, aged 20, turned in the best ride of her career, despite being virtually without team support for most of the race.

Yet she tried to mark all her likely rivals, especially the ever-present Russians, and as the *race progressed she was even* more in evidence at the front of the pack. But when the defending champion, Jeannie Longo, of France, made the decisive move some two and a half miles from the finish, Lisa Brambani was eighth in the leading group and could not bridge the gap.

Miss Longo remains the queen of cycling with her third successive victory. She won her title in the classic style; the lone breakaway at sustained speed, which the chasing 45 riders either could not or would not match.

Miss Longo said at the finish *that she had to gamble on* getting clear when she did, as she was not confident that her sprint was sufficiently strong to match the Russians, the Dutch and the Americans.

The chasing pack made short *work of the final, uphill drag to* the line and Miss Brambani was prominent at the front. But in the last 50 yards she appeared to tire and two Dutch riders, Helen Hage and Connie Meijer, kept ahead and the Belgian Agnes Dusart got past on her right shoulder. They were all timed 12 seconds behind the winner.

Sue Thompson, of Clitheroe, was an early casualty brought down in the first five miles when she could do nothing to avoid two fallen riders immediately in her path. She hurt her back but did not require medical attention. Sally Hodge was dropped later as was Vicki Thomas.

The second and only other British finisher was Clare Greenwood, in 41st place. Today is the amateur road race and tomorrow the professionals are on parade and a quarter of a *million people are expected* around the circuit.

The British professionals have no illusions about the severity of the course of 186 miles made up of 23 laps.

RESULTS: 1, J Longo (Fr), 1hr 48min 40sec; 2, H Hage (Neth), at 12sec; 3, C Meijer (Neth); 4, A Dusart (Bel); 5, L Brambani (GB); 6, U Larsen (Nor); 7, M Bandini (It); 8, L Seghezza (It); 9, K Shannon (Aus); 10, S Zack (US), all same time. **Other British:** 41, C Greenwood.

YACHTING

Jamarella in fierce battle as finish nears

Alan Gray's Jamarella, skippered by Rodney Pattisson and Laurie Smith, was engaged in a slow, drawn-out battle with the Danish production yacht, Turbo, for the lead on the final spinnaker reach to the finish of the 154 mile short off shore race in Kiel last night (Barry Pickthall writes).

The British Admiral's Cup yacht, lying ninth in the overall standings in this One-Ton Cup world championship after taking a 30 per cent penalty after the long off-shore race, is carrying the same 20 litre fuel tank that led to the original hearing in *an effort to force a re-opening of* the case today.

Juno, another of Britain's Admiral's Cup trio, skippered by Tony Gale, led to the first mark on Thursday but disappointingly dropped to fif*teenth overnight, three places* ahead of Barry Polly's Blue Diamond.

As the two leading Spanish yachts, Sirius and Sirius IV, and Mayurca also lost sight of the leaders along with Monaco overnight. Crown Prince Harald's Fram X made the most remarkable of recoveries. The *leading Farr-design climbed* from 32nd at the first mark to lie tenth after the 30-mile run north towards Finland and yesterday afternoon was in sixth place at the start of the 54-mile run back [illegible].

Not at all plain sailing for the best of British

By a Special Correspondent

As *Britain's Olympic sailors* start the final haul to selection the results of Nat West Weymouth Olympic Week, concluded yesterday, contain hard lessons.

In the 470s Adrian Stead and Andrew Hemmings could have won this regatta had they stayed out of trouble. A disqualification in the first race for starting prematurely and another in race six, for cutting things too fine while rounding a crowded mark, put them out of contention. They also lacked some of the pace shown by the Israelis who won.

Mike Holmes and Ossie Stuart were unlucky to be caught by the five-minute rule in race six and their problem seems to be that they are making too many mistakes rather than a lack of boat speed.

The message for those sailing Finns, including the European champion, Stuart Childerley, and Lawrence Crispin, his chief rival, both rated by Olympic coach Rod Carr to be in the top five in the world, is that Roddy is back. Roddy Bridge, who just missed selection in 1984, had taken a long break from racing and returned for this regatta to finish second behind Spitzauer (Austria). He begins full-time sailing at Christmas and on this *week's showing will push the* younger pair hard.

RESULTS: Men: 470 class: Race 7: 1, A Stead, A Hemmings (GB); 2, N Buckley, P *Newlands (GB); 3,* M Holmes, O Stewart (GB). 4, O Pontheus, G Espinass (Fr). **Overall:** 1, D and R Torten (Isr), 2, Holmes, Stewart; 3, Buckley, Newlands; 4, S Asplund, P Dykes (Swe). **Finns: Race 7:** 1, H Spitzauer (Austria); 2, R Bridge (GB), 3, T Tavinor (GB); 4, S Chilverley (GB). **Overall:** 1, Spitzauer, 2, Bridge, 3, Chilverley; 4, Mats Caap (Swe). **Flying Dutchman Class: Race 7 (Under protest):** D Wilkins, P Kennedy (Ire); 2, K Slater, K Richardson (GB), 3, C Apthorp, J Pierson (GB), 4, C Robinson, M Swallow (GB). Overall W Henderson, A Flowers (GB): 2 and 3 subject to protest. **Women: 470 class: Race 7:** 1, D Lyttle, M McNally (Ire); 2, K Hedgecock, R Rushall (GB); 3, C Forster, J Panton (GB); 4, D Fewtrell, T Jordan (GB). **Overall:** 1, Foster, Panton; 2, Hedgecock, Rushall (GB); 3, C and P Egan (GB).

Lake Inawashiro — With another win in yesterday's fourth race of the International 14 world championships here, James Hartley and Ian Tillet, from the Itchenor Sailing Club, are well on their way to becoming the next champions (Roger Lean-Vercoe writes).

RESULTS: Fourth race: 1, J Hartly and I Tillett (GB); 2, M Starrat and J Lavington (US); 3, M McDonald and D McDonald (GB), 4, C Stanley and J Hodgart (GB); 5, A Sobtmor and B Grant (GB); 6, R Boehm and P Mohler (US). **Other British placings:** *14, J Evans and T Knight. Overall (after* four races no discard): 1, Hartley and Tillett (GB), 3pts; 2, Stanley and Hodgart (GB), 16.7; 3, McDonald and McDonald, 24.7; 4, T Walsh and Hele (Can), 46; 5, Boehm and Mohler, 51 7. **Other British placing:** 10, Sibthorp and Grant, 77.4.

FOR THE RECORD

MOTOR CYCLING

ISLE OF MAN: Manx grand prix (lap distance 37¼ miles): **Seniors** (6 laps, 226½ miles): 1, B Farmer (Grantham) (1000cc Yamaha), *2:06.42.0 (107.20 mph);* 2, S Cosley (Marske, Cleveland) (1000cc SZR Yamaha), 2.7.18.40 (106.72 mph); 3, P Seale (Milton Keynes) (1000cc Yamaha), 2:07.37.80 (106.42 mph); 4, N Harmer (Charmock Richard) (1000cc Honda) 2:09.34.40; 5, D Sharratt (Salford) (750cc Suzuki) 2:10.36.60 (103.74 mph); 6, K Jackson (Blackpool) (750cc Suzuki) 2.11.49.80 (103.03 mph)

BASKETBALL

ISTANBUL: Men's European qualifying tournament: First round: Turkey 87, Scotland 71; England 115, Sweden 108.

YACHTING

BURNHAM: Brent Walker Burnham Week: Class 1: Badnash (P S and C E Hannay); Class 2: Fiona of Burnham (D L Gaswell); Class 3: Jiminy Cricket (M Harrison). **Class 4:** *(CHS first division):* Pandora (F G Walker). (Second division): Magic (R Lewis). Class 5: White Pepper (P J Smith). Class 6: Commorna (M Rumer). Class 7: Blue Rhapsody (D A Blaker). Class 8: NAB III (G Blake-Mitson). Class 9: Thunder (G R Winder). Conclusive 25: Spangle (A Soloway). Dragons: Avalanche (T G Wade). Sonatas: B D II (P Iszatt). Rubbers: Randy Robber (B Hinkins). Squibs: Rojo (J G Tucker). RCOD: Corrella (V A J Muller and D W Caudle). RBOD: Red Jacket (J Lindsay). Swifts: Shaula (Mrs R Phon). Sandhopper: Sandy (A Soywell and P Harris).

BOWLS

OXFORD: Representative Match: Oxfordshire 165, Home Counties 96.
INTER-COUNTY: Buckinghamshire 106, Hertfordshire 124, Cambridgeshire 133, Northamptonshire 121

BOARD SAILING

KINGSTON, Ontario: Second division world championships: Final results: Lightweight division: 1, M Quain (Fr), 2, H Tergeln (Fr); 3, R Nagy (Fr); 4, H Nissen-Lie (Nor), 5, B Verschoor (Neth). British placings: 31, W Bonham, 35, S Gooch; 45, S Keeler. Heavyweight division: 1

Flying Ajdal poised to emulate Habibti by landing sprint treble

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Following that impressive performance last month at York where he won the William Hill Sprint Championship by three lengths, Ajdal is now napped to win the Vernons Sprint Cup at Haydock Park this afternoon.

If he is successful, the Michael Stoute-trained colt will emulate that admirable filly Habibti, who is still the only horse to have won today's feature race as well as the big York sprint and the July Cup at Newmarket.

Like Ajdal, Habibti began the season with classic aspirations and like him she too contested both the English and Irish Guineas. But she was never asked to race over further than a mile whereas Ajdal took his chance in this year's Derby.

It says much for Ajdal's mental make-up that he came through that ordeal unscathed and is now back where he has always belonged — *at the top* of the tree. His versatility is such that he has now won over five, six, seven furlongs and a mile.

Even if he achieves nothing more, which I doubt, that record, coupled with his good looks and outstanding pedigree, will make him one of the most sought-after properties at stud for years to come.

Today, his main opponent should be another one-time classic contender Interval who has also come good since reverting to sprinting.

At Deauville last month, she beat the subsequent Prix de Meautry winner, Cricket Ball, by a neck to land the Prix Maurice de Gheest over 6½ furlongs.

But that performance will not go unnoticed by those who pin their faith in the form book. When analysing today's race they can point to the fact that Cricket Ball finished a *little over four lengths* behind Ajdal in the July Cup.

That suggests Ajdal should be able to continue his triumphant march this afternoon by giving Interval 6lb.

Arch rival Steve Cauthen should be maintaining his own challenge at Kempton Park by also landing a treble on Picnicing (2.00) Min Allah (2.30) and Homo Sapien (3.30).

Following that good run behind Print and Kyverdale at Newmarket, I particularly like the look of Picnicing in the Diamond Jubilee Fillies Stakes.

Later in the day, Cauthen will also be on the promising newcomer Carmelite House in the Jack Barclay Chertsey Lock Graduation Stakes.

Being by Diesis, out of a half-sister to the dam of that very same horse, his pedigree is certain to arouse interest in breeding circles.

While on the subject of breeding, *in the same race* Willie Carson will be on Minster Son, a colt that he bred

Minster Son is now owned by Lady Beaverbrook, for whom he won so well at Newbury last month, even though his breeder was on a better fancied stable companion who could finish only second in the same race.

Minster Son, with the advantage of a race under his belt, will be hard to beat this time.

Manila to triumph

There are *no* European representatives in the £405,405 Budweiser-Arlington Million, over 10 furlongs at Arlington Park, Chicago tomorrow.

However, two of the leading challengers, Theatrical (Pat Day) and Sharrood (Laffit Pincay Jr), used to be trained in Britain.

They may both have to give best to Manila (Jorge Vasquez), winner of the Breeders Cup Turf last autumn.

At Kempton yesterday, Stoute reported that there had been a slight problem with Ajdal's off-fore, which was poulticed on Thursday. The colt travelled to Haydock yesterday and the Newmarket trainer remained hopeful that Ajdal would take part.

With three to choose from after the four-day declaration stage, Robert Sangster, the head of the sponsoring company, has decided to rely upon only Handsome Sailor in an attempt to win his race a second time in three years.

No matter how he fares aboard Interval, Pat Eddery can remain in the hunt for another jockeys' championship by landing a treble on the Lancashire course on Mount Holyoke (2.45), Lavrosky (3.15) and Athens Gate (4.45).

Stock Hill Lass treble earns £50,000 bonus

Stock Hill Lass hit a £50,000 jackpot at Kempton yesterday when cantering home by three lengths in the Geoffrey Hamlyn Handicap (Michael Seely *writes*).

The 4-1 victory of the Devon-trained mare also brought delirious cheerings of delight from a sunbaked crowd of metropolitan sportsmen.

The Kempton executive had promised the money to the connections of the first horse to achieve the historic feat of winning three races in a season on the Flat at Sunbury. And a bet of £50,000 — £4,000 had been struck with Mecca Bookmakers as an insurance against this liability.

"It is nice to see it won by a small stable," said Tim Neligan, the boss of the United Racecourses. "We hope to do it again next year."

Gerald Cottrell, a 62-year-old farmer and trainer from Cullompton, has become famous for his successful raids on the London tracks with well-backed handicap winners during the past few seasons.

He normally stays at home to mastermind the operations from base. "I am a bad traveller and generally start to sweat up," he said. "But on this occasion I thought I had better make the effort."

The glowing condition of Stock Hill Lass in the paddock beforehand paid as much tribute to the trainer's skills as did her effortless sprint for home in the hands of Nicky Adams.

Of the £50,000 award, half goes to Cottrell's 10 stable staff. The remaining £25,000 is divided equally between the trainer and Stock Hill Lass' owner, Mrs Myfany Fairbairn.

Windsor sold

Windsor racecourse has been sold to a consortium of racing enthusiasts including David Thompson and John Carrington, and the trainers Toby and Ian Balding. The sale price has not been disclosed, but figures approaching £5 million have been suggested.

Blinkered first time

HAYDOCK: 2.15 Barstox Boy. 2.45 Las Bela. 4.45 Game Thather. KEMPTON: 2.0 Clear Her Stage. 3.35 Connate. 4.40 PJ Kelly. Wellow Wise. THIRSK: 2.15 Dynamic Star. 4.55 Lono Tiki.

Knockando scales new peaks

By Michael Seely

At Kempton yesterday, Bellotto, Khaled Abdulla's Epsom Derby third, failed to recapture his early season form when finishing only fourth behind Knockando in the Bonus Print September Stakes, 6½ lengths behind the winner.

Pat Eddery was niggling at the 5-4 favourite before halfway and although Bellotto launched a half-hearted attack in the straight, his effort soon petered out. "It was very disappointing," said Jeremy Tree. "That's really all there is to say."

Luca Cumani, on the other hand, was delighted with Knockando, whom Ray Cochrane once again persuaded to produce an exhilarating burst of finishing speed to overwhelm Gesedeh in the last furlong.

"He is a marvellous horse," said the trainer. "There can't be many animals that win six races in a season. He's in the Cumberland Lodge Stakes at Ascot, but we have got to decide whether to keep him in training next year before we make any firm plans."

The pattern of the great autumn two-year-old races is now starting to take shape and Rahy established himself as a candidate for Newbury's Mill Reef Stakes when cruising to a cheeky head win over Sungull in the Bonus Print Sirenia Stakes for Michael Stoute and Maktoum Al-Naktoum.

A $2-million purchase at the Keeneland July sale in 1986, Rahy is sired by Blushing Groom out of Glorious Song, who is a full sister to the champion American two-year-old colt Devil's Bag. "It is a marvellous family," said Michael Goodbody. "And Sheikh Mohammed now owns the mare."

Stoute now has two potential challengers to Henry Cecil's big three. Reprimand, Salse and Sanquirico in Rahy and Always Fair, the easy winner of York's Acomb Stakes.

"Always Fair runs in the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster," said the trainer. "And as Swinburn will be suspended, I have booked Steve Cauthen to ride." Stern opposition to Always Fair will come from Warning, Guy Harwood's unbeaten winner of three races, including Goodwood's Richmond Stakes.

The Twickenham Fillies' Stakes resulted in another win for the all-conquering team of Cecil and Cauthen when Nom De Plume came home two lengths clear of Trojan Miss. Cecil has now had 138 winners and Cauthen, with 148 victories to his credit, has now widened the gap between himself and the tireless Eddery to eight.

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Karla's Star.	2.15 Foxy Music.
2.45 Mount Holyoke.	2.45 Las Bela.
3.15 Lavrosky.	3.15 Proud Crest.
3.45 AJDAL (nap).	3.45 Ajdal.
4.15 Aptitude.	4.15 Sunshine Coast.
4.45 Athens Gate.	4.45 Wild Hope.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.45 Ajdal.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 SHARP PIP.

Going: good **Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best**

2.15 TURFCALL CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,299: 6f) (21 runners) BBC 1

2	(20)		*D*	MIDNIGHT RAVER 88 (W Said) N Callaghan 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
5	(18)		013040	WINDATUM 16 (V,D,G) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 8-11	S Parks	90
6	(7)		140142	SHARP PIP 4 (V,F,S) (J Leong) R Stubbs 8-10	—	● 99
8	(4)		00	KOORALOONA 70 (Ld Hamagton) M Jarvis 8-9	W R Swinburn	—
9	(2)		100	FOXY MUSIC 4 (Newmarket Racing Plc) P Haslam 8-8	T Williams	89
11	(9)		211042	DEFENCE CALL 10 (V,D,G,S) (G Davies) J Berry 8-7	J Carroll (5)	92
12	(5)		1100	KARLA'S STAR 77 (F,S) (T Mowbray) G Moore 8-5	S Wood (7)	94
14	(1)		00000	BARSTOX BOY 5 (B) (J Griffin) M W Easterby 8-4	M Wigham	81
15	(17)			BROTHER BUSHIDO (B Whitelaw) C Thornton 8-4	J Bleasdale	—
16	(15)		000	GEEGA 35 (Full Circle Plc) N Tinkler 8-4	Kim Tinkler	80
17	(21)		6	GLOCKENSPIEL 17 (R Sangster) J Hindley 8-4	M Hills	—
18	(19)			HENRY'S WOLFE (A O'Callaghan) P Haslam 8-4	D McKeown	—
19	(6)		002	HIGH BID 18 (J C Smith) R Sheather 8-4	R Cochrane	92
21	(16)			IZYDIRZAHALF (F Markland) D McCain 8-4	L Charnock	—
22	(3)		004	KID MCCOY 29 (F Lee) R Hollinshead 8-4	A Culhane (5)	74
24	(12)		4	ROYS CHOICE 14 (J Jones Morgan) D Laing 8-4	N Adams	83
28	(11)			BROOKLANDS BOY (Brooklands Civil Engineering) J Wainwright 8-3	S Lawes	—
30	(16)		00	TAMBULI 61 (Mrs S Camacho) M Camacho 8-3	M Wood	—
35	(8)		000000	TUDORGROUND 10 (J Goodman) J Wilson 8-2	—	75
36	(14)			WHISTLING TIGER (I Young) G Balding 8-2	J Williams	—
42	(10)		0000	RIVA MAI 19 (W Gelt) D Laing 7-13	C Rutter	75

BETTING: 7-2 High Bid, 5-1 Karla's Star, 6-1 Foxy Music, Glockenspiel, Windatum, 8-1 Roys Choice, Sharp Pip, 10-1 Defence Call, 12-1 others.
1986: SPANISH CALM 8-9 M Rimmer (4-1 fav) R Sheather 23 ran

FORM WINDATUM's win came at Nottingham (6f, £1,681, good, Jul 18, 10 ran) when making all (9-5) to beat Running Silk (8-8) a short head.
SHARP PIP (8-2) led for a long way when a head 2nd to Olivers Maid (7-8) in a Chepstow claimer (6f, 22,621, good to firm, Sep 1, 20 ran) last time.
FOXY MUSIC (9-2) was a comfortable ½l winner from SHARP PIP (8-13) on Yarmouth claiming debut (5f 25yd, £1,686, firm, Jul 15, 8 ran) but was subsequently disqualified.
DEFENCE CALL, a dual selling winner in the north, finished (8-10) ¾l 2nd to Causley (8-9) in a Beverley claimer (5f, £1,225, soft, Aug 26, 22 ran) with TUDORGROUND (8-10) unplaced.
KARLA'S STAR has twice finished fast in decent company following (8-11) a ½l win over Holka (8-11) at Catterick (5f, £1,370, firm, Apr 29, 4 ran).
HIGH BID (8-11) is gradually improving given and last time was a 2¼l 3rd to So It Goes (8-11) in a Folkestone maiden (6f, £1,862, good to firm, Aug 18, 9 ran).
ROYS CHOICE (8-11) was bogged down in the mud on Chester debut (6f, £2,515, heavy, Aug 22, 8 ran) when 17l 4th of 8 to Relative Secret (8-8) and can do better.
Selection: KARLA'S STAR

2.45 JOHN SMITH'S BREWERY HANDICAP (£6,063: 1m) (9) BBC 1

1	(6)	41-6030		GOLD PROSPECT 37 (D,G,S) (H Speck) G Balding 5-9-10	J Williams	● 99
2	(3)	2-12204		SHARBLASK 15 (S) (W Pallister) N Vigors 3-9-9	P Cook	94
6	(1)	10300-0		ALL FAIR 5 (C,D,F,G,S) (T Bell) R Whitaker 5-8-5	D McKeown	93
9	(2)	00-212		MOUNT HOLYOKE 7 (D,BF,F) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-9-4	Pat Eddery	92
15	(3)	000000		FUSILIER 23 (B,F,G) (R Richards) C Brittain 5-8-8	T Williams	95
17	(4)	334620		KNIGHTS SECRET 14 (D,F,G,S) (N Westbrook) M H Easterby 6-8-7	J Reid	98
18	(5)	4000		LAS BELA 10 (S) (S Manasse) M Stoute 3-8-4	R Cochrane	98
20	(7)	033400		EMPEROR HOTFOOT 42 (Ld Lewesholme) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-2	N Adams	95
21	(8)	040400		SUPREME KINGDOM 14 (S) (J Good) R Hollinshead 4-7-7	A Culhane (5)	95

BETTING: 2-1 Mount Holyoke, 7-2 Sharblask, 5-1 Gold Prospect, 6-1 Knights Secret, 8-1 All Fair, 10-1 Las Bela, 12-1 Emperor Hotfoot, 16-1 Fusilier, Supreme Kingdom.
1986: (1m 40yd) ORIENTAL SOLDIER 3-9-7 B Thomson (20-1) B Hills 12 ran

FORM SHARBLASK, a creditable fourth at York last time, previously (7-9) had FUSILIER (7-7) and GOLD PROSPECT (8-6) back in 12th and 13th when an excellent 13½l 5th to Wealth (9-10) in the Schweppes Golden Mile at Goodwood (£52,215, good to firm, Jul 30, 20 ran).
GOLD PROSPECT likes some cut in the ground and had it in the Hunt Cup at Royal Ascot when (8-6) ¾l 3rd to Vague Shot (9-5) with FUSILIER (8-0) well behind (1m, £29,152, soft, June 17, 25 ran).
MOUNT HOLYOKE has scope for improvement. Last time (8-13) ran ¾l 2nd to Shabib (9-2) at Goodwood (1m, £2,905, good to firm, Aug 29, 4 ran).
FUSILIER is inconsistent but well handicapped on a (7-9) head beating of Saker (8-11) at Ascot early in the season (7f, £14,109, good to firm, Apr 29, 20 ran).
LAS BELA has yet to reproduce the form of a (8-11) first time out 3½l 4th to Sher Shah (9-0) at Newmarket (1m, £4,835, good to firm, May 30, 27 ran).
Selection: FUSILIER

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race) Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.15 ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE CENTENARY STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,412: 1m 4f) (4)

6	(1)	221	PROUD CREST 22 (CD,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-2	R Cochrane	96
14	(3)	0-222	LAVROSKY 36 (K Abdulla) J Tree 8-11	Pat Eddery	95
17	(2)	042300	QUESSARD 18 (F Lee) C Brittain 8-11	T Williams	● 99
20	(4)	33-2041	MOUNTAIN ISLE 29 (D,F) (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-10	J Reid	95

BETTING: 6-4 Lavrosky, 9-4 Proud Crest, 7-2 Mountain Isle, 4-1 Quessard.
1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.45 VERNONS SPRINT CUP (Group II: £62,948: 6f) (8) BBC 1

1	(6)	00-1320		GOVERNOR GENERAL 78 (D,F,G,S) (R Richards) D Elsworth 4-9-2	P Cook	90
2	(2)	1-31314		HANDSOME SAILOR 34 (C,D) (R Sangster) B Hills 4-9-2	M Hills	95
3	(3)	000000		POLYKRATIS 22 (D,F,G) (M Pentecos) M Francis 5-9-2	C Rutter	80
4	(1)	404030		SHARP ROMANCE 17 (CD,G) (Sheikh M Al Sabah) S Mellor 5-9-2	M Wigham	78
5	(4)	140011		AJDAL 16 (D,F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-9-0	W R Swinburn	● 99
7	(8)	14-1410		MISTER MAJESTIC 17 (D,F,G,S) (D Johnson) R Hollinshead 3-9-0	R Cochrane	82
10	(7)	304001		WHIPPET 19 (D,F,G) (A Richards) C Brittain 3-8-11	J Reid	75
12	(5)	130011		INTERVAL 34 (D,G,S) (K Abdulla) J Tree 3-8-8	Pat Eddery	98

BETTING: 4-5 Ajdal, 3-1 Interval, 10-1 Handsome Sailor, 12-1 Mister Majestic, 14-1 Governor General, 20-1 Polykratis, Whippet, 25-1 Sharp Romance.
1986: GREEN DESERT 3-8-12 W R Swinburn (5-4 fav) M Stoute 8 ran

FORM MISTER MAJESTIC disqualified from fourth at Deauville last time; previously (8-3) beat GOVERNOR GENERAL (9-5) a short head in a Lingfield listed race (6f, £16,258, good to firm, May 30, 11 ran).
HANDSOME SAILOR has ran consistently to his mark since (9-0) beating Haligate (9-8) 2l with GOVERNOR GENERAL (9-0) a neck 3rd at York (6f, group 3, £18,495, good to firm, May 14, 9 ran) and did so when (9-3) finishing 3l 4th to INTERVAL (8-7) at Deauville (6f 110yd, £26,804, good to soft, Aug 2, 13 ran).
INTERVAL was impressive when making all at Newbury on penultimate start (8-5), beating Print (8-8) 2¼l with SHARP ROMANCE (9-3) 6l 3rd and POLYKRATIS (9-3) another 3l away 6th (6f, listed, £8,194, good, Jul 17, 10 ran).
AJDAL is unbeaten over sprint distances. Last time in the William Hill Sprint Championship at York (9-2) he was last away and maintained his lead, coming home 3l clear of nearest rival Sizzling Melody (9-2) (5f, group 1, £55,467, good to soft, Aug 20, 11 ran).
WHIPPET needs to improve on a (9-1) 2½l beating of Vortrack (8-7) in a minor event at Leicester (6f, £2,654, good to firm, Aug 17, 5 ran) to win in this company.
Selection: INTERVAL

4.15 EBF BIRKENHEAD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,737: 5f) (13)

1	(1)		042	APTITUDE 26 (BF) (Prince Y Saud) B Hills 9-0	M Hills	● 99
2	(9)		43340	ASHLAR BOY 15 (S Reakes) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Parks	97
3	(7)		0	BATCHWORTH HEATH 7 (Mrs D Price) M Brittain 9-0	M Wigham	—
4	(5)		302	DEE AND EM 12 (Mrs M Russell) W Pearce 9-0	R Cochrane	96
6	(11)		002000	GOLDEN FANTASY 12 (T Wong) M Brittain 9-0	A Munro (7)	94
7	(4)			GOLFE DU LION (V Falk) P Makin 9-0	T Williams	—
8	(8)			KINDLED (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
10	(13)		0600	PUNO 100 (C Barber-Lomax) T Fairhurst 9-0	M Beecroft	73
13	(6)			SUNDOWNER (Mrs P Makin) P Makin 9-0	J Reid	—
15	(3)			TRIBAL RULER (J Singleton) D McCain 9-0	P Cook	—
17	(12)			CLARE'S DELIGHT (A Millward) B Morgan 8-9	L Charnock	—
20	(2)			LADY LUSTRE (R Fisher) R Fisher 8-9	—	—
24	(10)			SUNSHINE COAST (Ld Derby) W Hastings-Bass 8-9	W R Swinburn	—

BETTING: 2-1 Aptitude, 7-2 Kindled, 5-1 Sunshine Coast, 6-1 Ashlar Boy, 8-1 Dee And Em,
1986: PAPARELLI 8-11 G Carter (33-1) T Barron 18 ran

4.45 SOUTHPORT HANDICAP (£4,500: 1m 2f) (11)

2	(5)	10-2320		WILD HOPE 18 (CD,F,G,S) (J Wright) G Huffer 6-9-10	A Culhane (5)	93
3	(4)	1-00014		ATHENS GATE 28 (F) (R Sangster) J Watts 3-9-8	Pat Eddery	97
5	(11)	01-030		GAME THATCHER 84 (B,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-9-6	M Hills	96
8	(3)	004400		RUN FOR EVER 4 (F) (Full Circle Plc) N Tinkler 4-9-1	Kim Tinkler	96
9	(7)	41040-0		QUEEN OF BATTLE 12 (S) (W Gerhauser) M Ryan 4-9-3	R Cochrane	97
13	(8)	324000		TAYLORMADE BOY 8 (F,G,S) (B Robson) Danys Smith 4-8-11	L Charnock	98
14	(1)	00-0343		PITCHFORK 25 (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 3-8-9	P Cook	96
17	(10)	021424		LISIANTHUS 17 (CD,BF,G) (A Gibson) J Toller 3-8-6	Dale Gibson (7)	● 99
19	(9)	2102		ANONSO 58 (BF,F) (W Ponsonby) D Arbuthnot 3-8-4	S Miller (7)	97
20	(6)	321000		ROYAL ILLUSION 8 (C,F,G,S) (J Lishman) G Moore 3-8-4	S Wood (7)	95
21	(2)	003103		BWANA KALI 22 (D,F,G) (D Ridley) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-1	D McKeown	98

BETTING: 5-2 Athens Gate, 7-2 Anonso, 6-1 Queen Of Battle, 8-1 Game Thatcher, 10-1 Pitchfork,
1988: (1m 2f 131yd) WILD HOPE 5-7-10 G Carter (7-2 it-fav) G Huffer 9 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
H Cecil	30	71	42.3
J Hindley	8	28	28.6
W Hern	16	59	27.1
M Stoute	18	75	24.0
B Hills	18	89	20.2
R J Houghton	12	80	15.0

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
Pat Eddery	10	63	15.9
J Reid	20	131	15.3
R Cochrane	13	88	14.8
W R Swinburn	10	70	14.3

Only qualifiers

THIRSK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Pour L'Italie. 2.50 Martha Stevens. 3.25 Ile de Roi. 3.55 Sugar Token. 4.25 Hypnology. 4.55 Jodoka.

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2.15 Hand Painted. 2.50 Martha Stevens. 3.25 Lie In Wait. 3.55 Ayabi Mou. 4.25 Straw Vale. 4.55 AHONITA (nap).

Michael Seely's selection: 3.55 VALUED COLLECTION (nap).

Going: good **Draw: 5f-6f high numbers best**

2.15 FALCON CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O:1m 4f) (17 runners)

1	3410		FINAGLE 36 (BF,F) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-4	W Ryan 3
4	0010		MISS MARTINIQUE 8 (G) C Booth 9-1	K Hodgson 13
5	0004		RICK BENEDICT 14 (D,G,S) J Hills 8-13	R Hills 5
8	0004		HAND PAINTED 24 J Pearce 8-6	W Newnes 17
10	2022		SAY YOU 16 (BF) Pat Mitchell 8-6	Gay Kelleway (3) 11
15	0040		ALBION PLACE 28 (F) M H Easterby 8-4	M Birch 4
18	00		PANEL GAME 55 C Brittain 8-3	G Baxter 7
21	0		BOBBIE STACK 9 M Prescott 8-1	G Duffield 5
22	0004		DYNAMIC STAR 10 (V) M Usher 8-1	A McGlone 14
23	0340		LINDI'S GOLD 14 H Jones 8-1	K Darley 16
26	420		CARELESS KISS 63 (BF) M Camacho 8-0	M Convention 15
27	2310		DAWN SKY 4 (B,D,F) J Balding 7-13	NON-RUNNER 12
28	0-04		SOLD EVENT 61 C Thornton 7-12	A Proud 1
30	0-80		HEAVEN ONLY KNOWS 24 W Pearce 7-12	J Quinn (5) 2
32	0620		NAUTICAL BELLE 39 D Ringer 7-12	P D'Arcy 9
34	6000		MILLFIELDS HOUSE 9 B McMahon 7-8	A Mackay 16
35	-023		POUR L'ITALIE 63 (BF) J Dunlop 7-8	J Lowe 8

4-1 Pour L'Italie, 9-2 Nautical Belle, Bick Benedict, 11-2 Finagle, 7-1 Say You, 8-1 Albion Place, 10-1 others.

2.50 BUXTED EASY COOK TURKEY STAKES GRADUATION RACE (3-Y-O: £2,700: 6f) (10)

6	1001		MARY CARMEN 39 (D,F,G) G Hutter 9-1	B Crossley 5
9	1632		MARTHA STEVENS 66 (G) H Cecil 8-12	W Ryan 4
12	1300		SLEEPERS 123 (G) C Booth 8-12	J Mackie 6
14	0-00		BECKINGHAM BEN 10 J Leigh 8-10	S Morris 3
16			KING GOLDWYN P Day 8-10	J Lowe 10
18	00		MUMMY'S CHANCE 10 R Hollinshead 8-10	R Lappin (5) 1
22	3302		VORTRACK 19 Mrs N Macauley 8-10	G Baxter (5) 7
24	021		APPLE RINGS 74 (D,G) W Hastings-Bass 8-7	R Lines (3) 9
25	0-00		LA VERTE GLEAM 10 G Oldroyd 8-7	S Houlihan (5) 3
28			WHATAHALIMFUL W Haigh 8-7	A Clark 2

11-10 Martha Stevens, 9-4 Mary Carmen, 7-2 Apple Rings, 16-1 Vortrack, 20-1 Sleepers, 25-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: J Dunlop, 8 winners from 19 runners, 47.4%; H Cecil, 11 from 27, 40.7%; H Thomson Jones, 17 from 47, 36.2%; T Barron, 23 from 135, 17.0%; S Norton, 15 from 93, 16.1%; J Watts, 12 from 78, 15.4%.
JOCKEYS: G Baxter, 7 winners from 31 rides, 22.6%; R Hills, 8 from 52, 15.4%; N Connorton, 15 from 109, 13.8%. (Only qualifiers).

3.25 GOLDEN GRAIN HAMBLETON CUP HANDICAP (£5,080: 2m) (7)

2	1024		LIE IN WAIT 29 (D,F,G) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-9-10	G Duffield 6
5	012/		KAYUDEE 673 (F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-9-5	D Nicholls 3
7	4012		EMERALD POINT 63 (F,G) A Balding 4-9-3	J Matthias 2
8	0344		ILE DE ROI 17 H Candy 4-9-1	W Newnes 1
11	4121		HALCANOR 10 (D,S) G Harwood 3-8-13 (3ex)	A Clark 5
16	0061		HONEY DANCER 21 (D,F,S) D Arbuthnot 3-8-5	G Baxter 7
18	0311		AREA CODE 15 (B,D,F,G,S) J Berry 3-8-2 (3ex)	Dana Muller (7) 4

5-2 Ile De Roi, 7-2 Halcanor, 4-1 *Lie In Wait*, 5-1 Emerald Point, 8-1 Area Code, 10-1 Honey Dancer, 14-1 Kayudee.

3.55 RUSH & TOMPKINS TROPHY NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,695: 7f) (16)

3	0011		BEAMSLEY 22 (D,G,S) J Watts 9-7	N Connorton 15
5	0300		CHASE ME AGAIN 10 J Etherington 9-5	S Webster 5
6	1021		HOGARTS RUN 25 (D) C Tinkler 9-5	M Birch 1
9	431		SCHOOL CONCERT 19 (F) W Haggas 9-3	R Hills 8
11	4600		UNDERCOVER HERO 4 G Moore 8-13	W Newnes 6
13	340		FRAPPANT 24 T Barron 8-10	D Nicholls 2
16	4131		MOWTHORPE 23 (F,G) M W Easterby 8-8	J Lowe 9
17	2200		JUST PRECIOUS 15 G Blum 8-8	G Duffield 7
18	0403		MOREDREAMS 9 C Brittain 8-7	G Baxter 16
19	2231		AYABI MOU 19 (D,F,G) D Thom 8-6	G Bardwell (5) 3
20	040		TENDER AU 31 W Byrett 8-6	W Ryan 13
22	3500		AUTOMART 10 W Bentley 8-5	P Bradley (7) 12
24	4011		VALUED COLLECTION 14 (D,F,G) R Simpson 8-5	(3ex) J Carnell 10
26	0020		FOOT PERFECT 15 F Carr 8-2	J Carr (5) 4
27	4000		AQUAINTED 19 M Britain 8-1	K Darley 11
28	3011		SUGAR TOKEN 5 (D,F,G) W Pearce 8-0 (5ex)	J Quinn (5) 14

7-2 Beamsley, 4-1 Mowthorpe, 5-1 Valued Collection, 13-2 Ayabi Mou, 8-1 School Concert, 10-1 others.

4.25 MAIL ON SUNDAY THREE YEAR OLD SERIES HANDICAP (£3,610: 1m) (12)

5	3122		STRAW VALE 24 (D,F,S) M Prescott 9-7	G Duffield 7
7	0204		CALIBOGUE 30 (D,F) R Sheather 9-3	A Shoults (3) 10
8	2202		HYPNOLOGY 50 (BF) W Hastings-Bass 9-0	W Ryan 1
9	3214		CI SIAMO 57 (S) M Ryan 9-0	G Bardwell (5) 11
10	20-8		ISNAILMAGRITH 72 (S) H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills 12
11	0614		ALTOBELLI 8 (F) C Booth 8-13	K Hodgson 4
12	4616		SHY DOLLY 36 (D,G) R Casey 8-13	M Birch 9
13	3328		KENTON'S LAD 14 Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11	M Convention 2
14	0188		EIGHT BELL ROCK 8 (F) M W Easterby 8-10	T Lucas 6
17	4-00		CRANCHESTER 8 (B) J Etherington 8-8	K Darley 3
20	-443		SKOLERN 21 (BF) M W Easterby 8-4	J Lowe 8
23	0014		HENRY WILL 17 (F) T Fairhurst 8-3	A Mackay 5

5-1 Henry Will, 11-2 Straw Vale, 6-1 Calibogue, 7-1 Alcobell, 8-1 Ci Siamo, 10-1 Shy Dolly, 12-1 others.

4.55 HIGHFLYER STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,168: 5f) (10)

2	2004		RESTLESS DON 8 (D,F) J Berry 9-9	D Hagger (7) 10
4	1430		GRAMICUS 7 (D,G) W Haggas 8-11	R Hills 5
5			HAPPY CAVALIER M H Easterby 8-11	M Birch 3
8	6222		*LONG TIKI 33 G Moore 8-11*	W Newnes 4 (5)
	7		194RAMPANT RON 56 (D,BF,F)	S Norton 8-11
				J Lowe 8
8	00		SILKS VENTURE 5 A Robson 8-11	N Connorton 7
9	018		AHONITA 60 (D,F) R Sheather 8-6	A Shoults 6
11	41		CHUALAR 34 (D,F) M Jarvis 8-6	T Lucas 9
12	2013		JODOKA 5 (D,G) B Hills 8-5	P Bloomfield 2
13	001		LETS GO ALLEGRO 21 (D,G) A Hide 8-8	P Bloomfield 2
	7		194RAMPANT RON 56 (D,BF,F)	S Norton 8-11
				J Lowe 8
8	00		SILKS VENTURE 5 A Robson 8-11	N Connorton 7
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12	2013		JODOKA 5 (D,G) B Hills 8-5	P Bloomfield 2
13	001		LETS GO ALLEGRO 21 (D,G) A Hide 8-8	P Bloomfield 2

7-2 Jodoka, 4-1 Granicus, 5-1 Chualar, 6-1 Ahonita, 15-2 *Rampant Ron*, 10-1 Happy Cavalier, 12-1 others.

STRATFORD

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Charlton Kings. 2.45 Grey General. 3.15 Star Route. 3.45 Gratification. 4.15 Aki-Bua. 4.45 Yangtse-Kiang. 5.15 First Rank.

Going: good

2.15 BLACK PRINCE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£706: 2m 6f) (9 runners)

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RUGBY UNION

Celebration of the game played in the Bristol fashion

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Rugby is rich in history and no less so today when one of England's most respected clubs, Bristol, recreate their first match of 100 years ago, against Cardiff. At the same time, at Beeston, Nottingham and Moseley come together in the opening first division match in the Courage Clubs Championship and Headingley entertain Saracens in the second division.

The new championship has a heavy weight of expectation on its shoulders; who can blame Richard Harding, so devoted a servant of Bristol for more than a decade, for saying "Let's wait and see, it's too early to form an opinion about the league"? After all, down in the West Country, with their strong Welsh connections, there have seldom been easy pickings.

It is fitting, first of all, to pay one's respects to Bristol. They are not the only centenarians this season but they may be the best known; more than 50 internationals have been associated with the club, the most recent — Harding and Jonathan Webb — turning out at the Memorial Ground today.

There has always been a distinctive character about Bristol; they have not always been the most consistent of clubs but from Tommy Thomson, through to Len Corbett, later John Blake, the ebullient Mike Rafter and now the stylish Webb, they have invariably been worth watching. Their history has been fondly compiled by Chris Ducker, rugby correspondent of the Bristol Evening Post, in *Rugby ... Bristol Fashion* (published by the club, £9 including postage) and it is amazing to learn that they have yet to surpass their membership figure of 4,519 recorded in 1925-6 when Corbett, that great England centre, was in his prime.

Nigel Pomphrey, who came close to being selected to play for England some years back, leads Bristol in their centenary season though not in the club's usual garb. Recalling the club's first match, when they lost at Cardiff 24-0, they turn out in the original club colours of slate, yellow and brown — I imagine the shorts will be somewhat less baggy.

Although there has not been a shortage of recruits — Kevin Morgan and Kelvin Wyles, formerly of Llanelli and Nottingham respectively — Bristol's mixture is a familiar one, indeed the same as that which scored 50 points against Cheltenham on Wednesday, when Woodman and Pomphrey each scored two tries. Cardiff, though without Eidman and Whitefoot, will not be so accommodating.

The game will be both entertaining and competitive. I hope the same can be said of the bulk of the Courage championship games at the season's end;

Moseley, unbeaten during their close-season tour to Canada, began well against Newbridge on Wednesday when Hickey scored three tries and the former Wales captain, Mike Watkins, was sent off on his debut for the Welsh club. They have not beaten Nottingham for four years but they have the experienced Recardo at lock against the home club's recruit from Sheffield, Kaye, whose general play it is hoped will match his impressive physique.

● NIFC, who won all five games on their recent tour of the United States, maintain the American connection at Ravenhill today with a match against Old Gold, a club from Boston (George Ace writes).

David Marrs, just returned from Ulster's tour of Zimbabwe, will play on the wing for North, who also field Bob Kurarangi, their Maori centre, and Shane Meharg, back in the province after a spell with Blackheath.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Coventry v Newport
Coventry, beaten by aspiring Lichfield in midweek, have Johnson, Farrington and Robbins restored to the pack and Millerchip at centre, but remain without the injured Thomas and Travers. Newport scored 50 points against Penarth on Wednesday, Nigel Callard scoring six tries.

Bedford v Leicester
Leicester are without their World Cup men, Richards and Underwood, the one in Canada the other to marry. Dexter and Povoas, a success at No. 8 on Leicester's tour to Australia, New Zealand and Singapore, meet Bedford, successful against Rugby this week.

Orrell v L Irish
Orrell, depleted by retirements and defections (to Liverpool St Helens and, more exotically, Rome) play Fillan and Wynn at centre and bring in Craven at No. 8. The Irish introduce Mann, from West London Institute, at stand-off half and O'Neill and McFadden in the front row.

Plymouth v L Welsh
Mark Douglas, the Welsh captain, plays his first game for the Exiles with Turner, who has joined from Newport. Humphreys, formerly of the South Glamorgan Institute and Cardiff, appears at full back.

Lydney v Penarth
Well-organized Lydney give debuts to Rhodri Lewis, the former Wales and Cardiff flanker, and Price, of the Royal Navy, at stand-off half for their centenary season.

Llanelli v Pontypridd
Jonathan Davies makes his first appearance since moving from Neath. The Welsh stand-off half plays against a side showing three recruits, Mike Thomas on the wing, Eynon (prop) and Ralph Davies (flanker).

Bath v Pontypool
David Bishop, the suspended Wales scrum half, returns after a year's absence and partners Ring, but the Pontypool pack will miss the injured lock, Moseley. Bath replace the unavailable Hall with Maslen in their back row.

Harlequins hope Moon will shine

By David Hands

Harlequins, at the end of last season, swept all before them in sevens tournaments. Last weekend, however, they played in the Selkirk sevens and lost in the final to Wakefield, with whom they are grouped tomorrow in their own Harlequins/Lord's Taverners tournament at the Stoop Memorial ground (1.0).

The London club are holders of that title, too, as well as sundry others, including the Middlesex sevens. They will introduce Richard Moon, one of several recruits this season (whose brother, Rupert, incidentally, has taken over Richard's position at scrum half with Abertillery) while Wakefield hope to field both their England internationals, Mike Harrison and Bryan Barley.

The Lord's Taverners will not be a negligible force if all their guests arrive: there is the intriguing prospect of two international stand-off halves, Jonathan Davies and Les Cusworth, in the same seven with Cusworth playing scrum half - unless, of course, David Pickering, the Llanelli flanker, hopes to express himself in that position.

Since the guests have Peter Steven, the experienced Heriot's former pupil, and Ieuan Evans, the Llanelli flyer, among their backs, there should be no shortage of excitement in the 20th year of the tournament. They are drawn in the same group as Paris University Club — the more cosmopolitan of the groups — while Newport provide the non-English injection in group B.

Newport reached the final of the Snelling sevens on their own ground at the end of last month, only to fall to Bridgend. David Waters, the Wales lock, is among their squad while Paddy Collins, the Irish World Cup squad flanker, is due to turn out for Lansdowne.

Group A: Lord's Taverners, Paris University Club, Glasgow, Lansdowne. Group B: Newport, Wakefield, Harlequins, Saracens.

SPEEDWAY

Amsterdam ambushes ruled out

By Keith Macklin

The world individual championship final, making a two-day rather than a one-day event debut, has received almost universal criticism, but goes ahead in Amsterdam this weekend.

Particularly upset by the change are Jeremy Doncaster (Ipswich), Simon Cross (Cradley Heath) and Chris Morton (Belle Vue), the British riders. They regard their best hope of beating the brilliant Danes to spring from a "sudden-death" one-day tournament, when the leading riders are vulnerable to upsets over only a few races and have no opportunity to make good the defeat with a second bite.

There is no doubt that a two-day tournament loads the dice in favour of the top riders, such as Hans Nielsen, the holder, and Erik Gundersen, who held the title for the previous two years. They can regard the first day as virtually a qualifying day and reserve their real power for the second day, using the track knowledge gained in the earlier heats.

Most riders do not want a two-day final, which takes away much of the excitement caused by surprise spills and defeat. There is a cynical feeling throughout the speedway code that this first final in The Netherlands is being used by the Dutch authorities to make a big financial killing by the simple expedient of taking in two days' admission money rather than one. The top price for the best seats is nearly £30 a day.

There are three riders from Denmark and England, two from Sweden, the United States and Czechoslovakia and one each from West Germany, New Zealand, The Netherlands and Poland.

Quality products emerge from the East German athletics system but British crop promises rewards

A harvest ripe for easy pickings

From Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent
Rome

The product of the East German athletics system was never more evident than on Thursday afternoon when Silke Gladisch, Thomas Schönlebe and Sabine Busch won three of the five track gold medals contested on the fifth day of the world championships.

In a lower register, but no less admirable for that, were the silver and bronze medal winning performances of Jon Ridgeon, John Regis and Colin Jackson, which owe no small amount to the British Junior Commission. The three were part of the successful



British team in the European junior championships in Cottbus two years ago. Jackson and Ridgeon won gold and silver respectively in the high hurdles, while Regis won a 100m bronze.



Head of the class: Colin Jackson passed his hurdles examination with flying British colours

Virtually every member of that team, which won eight golds, five silver and five bronzes, talked of the marvellous spirit that permeated the British camp. Certainly that owed something to youth and success. But it owed more to the one sector of British athletics administration that relates to the athletes.

Those medal winners in Cottbus came from all over Britain, from different walks of life, and with different coaches. Yet they found a focus, which went beyond the individual boundaries of their events. It manifested itself in the sort of spirit that was evident when Schönlebe won the 400m gold medal, beating more fancied opponents.

His East German colleagues, Torsten Voss and Christian Schenk, broke off from their attempted decimation of Daley Thompson to embrace the shocked Schönlebe. That sort of spirit has not been in evidence among Britain's senior athletes this week. Admittedly, up to Thursday evening, there had not been too much to shout about. None the less, the focus has been on the dissent between the national coach, Frank Dick, and the leading sprinter, Linford Christie.

Neither has come out of the affair with any credit, and the image of British athletics is the worse for it. Moreover, for a man who has sought publicity for his personal and political aims, Dick should also explain why he felt it necessary to disguise the extent of Thompson's injuries this season.

Fortunately, there is something to celebrate, and there should be more before these championships are over on Sunday evening. There is no reason to believe that Jackson and Ridgeon will not go on leapfrogging each other right to the top. After Ridgeon won in Cottbus, Jackson won the world junior in Athens last year.

Now Ridgeon is back in the lead, with a United Kingdom record, too. But Jackson did marvellously well, considering how recent and persistent was his hamstring injury. Both they and Regis, who almost pulled off his first major senior championship victory in the 200m, should be even better in Seoul for next year's Olympic Games.

Unless the Government really starts to take sport seriously, and there is a nod in that direction with the appointment of Colin Moynihan as Minister, the British can never aspire to the embracing East German system, which sifts promising youngsters who are then sent to specialist sports high schools.

But the new Regises, Jacksons and Ridgeons are already on the way from what little the British have that resembles an athletics production line: In Birmingham last month, this year's British youngsters won eight European junior gold medals.

● Carl Lewis led the long jump qualifiers for this afternoon's final, with 8.36m on his first attempt. After his disappointment in losing his 100m title so decisively to Ben Johnson, Lewis has promised to aim for Bob Beamon's world record of 8.90m, set at the Mexico Olympics in 1968.

A silky finish to third gold

From David Powell
Rome

Silke Gladisch, the first winner of two gold medals in the world championships, today begins her quest for a third in the sprint relay. "Of course — why not?" she replied when asked if she would be competing. With Marlies Gohr and Marita Koch in the way, the relay has been her main ticket to success in the past and she is not about to abandon it now.

Miss Gladisch's enthusiasm — "I am looking forward to it" — is in part due to competition starvation. While others chased grand prix points and wealth, Miss Gladisch and her fellow-East German sprinters spent three August weeks training at altitude in Mexico. In the month prior to her 100 and 200 metres double in the Olympic Stadium, she competed in only one meeting, her country's national championships in Potsdam.

It was in Potsdam that Miss Gladisch, aged 23, said that she thought her chances slim of winning both events. That was before confirmation that Heike Drechsler, the joint world record-holder, would not be participating in the 200m to concentrate on the long jump, the qualifying round of which started 15 minutes later.

Mrs Drechsler, who took the silver medal in the 100m, decided against the 200m and, inevitably, Miss Gladisch was asked if she thought her compatriot's appearance would have prevented her double. The champion's engaging smile gave way to a frown. "I have won against Heike this year at both 100 and 200 metres," she said.

Miss Gladisch's revised time of 21.74 seconds was, after all, only 0.03 outside the world record. And perhaps the most relevant observation was made by Merlene Ottey, the Jamaican who finished third in both sprints. "Gladisch is good out of the blocks all the way to the finish. Drechsler has a slow first 10 metres. If she was in the 200 metres, Gladisch would have won anyway."

Miss Gladisch has twice been in East German world record-breaking relay teams and has world and European gold medals for that event.

DETAILS FROM ROME

Thursday

Men

3,000 metres steeplechase
FIRST ROUND *(First four in each heat and overall three fastest losers qualify for final): Qualifiers for final: Heat one:* 1, F Panetta (It), 8min 16.06sec; 2, R Pannier (Fr), 8:16.93; 3, W Van Dijck (Bel), 8:19.19; 4, P Sang (Ken), 8:22.26. *Non-qualifiers:* 5, E Wedderburn (GB), 8:24.09; 11, L O'Brien (Ire), 8:40.58. Heat two: 1, J Ojhenekoa (Ken), 8:20.75; 2, H Melzer (EG), 8:21.07; 3, A Lambruschini (It), 8:21.21; 4, B Diemar (US), 8:21.32. British non-qualifier: 9, C Reitz, 8:40.55. Heat three: 1, P Ilg (WG), 8:18.73; 2, G Fell (Can), 8:18.87; 3, P Koech (Ken), 8:19.28; 4, J Regalo (Por), 8:20.70; 5, H Marsh (US), 8:20.98; 6, R Hackney (GB), 8:21.35; 7, F Botti (It), 8:21.69.

Pole vault
QUALIFYING *(Leading 12 overall qualify for final)*: Qualifiers for final: Group one: 1, M Kolasa (Pol), 5.55m; 2, S Bubka (USSR), 5.55; 3, A Tarev (Bul), 5.50; 4, R Gataulin (USSR), 5.40; 5, Z Lubensky (Cz), 5.40; 6, H Fehringer (Austria), 5.40. Group two: 1, A Obizhayev (USSR), 5.55; 2, E Bell (US), 5.55; 3, F Salbert (Fr), 5.55; 4, N Nikolov (Bul), 5.50; equal 5, D Lasov (Bul) and T Vigerrion (Fr), 5.50; 7, G Stecchi (It), 5.40; 8, M Zalar (Swe), 5.40.

Decathlon
HIGH JUMP: Group one: 1, C Schenk (EG), 2.25m (1,041pts); 2, W Motti (Fr), 2.19 (982); 3, T Voss (EG), 2.10 (898); 4, C Plaziat (Fr), 2.10 (898); 5, P Tarnavetskiy (USSR), 2.07 (868); 6, S Poelman (NZ), 2.04 (840); 7, Lee An Fu (Taipei), 2.04 (840); 8, D Thompson (GB), 2.01 (813); 9, D Da Silva (Br), 2.01 (813); 10, S Wentz (WG), 1.98 (785); 11, A Blondel (Fr), 1.98 (785); 12, T Bright (US), 1.95 (758). Group two: 1, M Neugebauer (WG), 2.07 (868); 2, A Nevskiy (USSR), 2.04 (840); 3, R Muzzio (US), 1.98 (785); 4, L Warming (Den), 1.95 (758); 5, M Olander (Swe), 1.95 (758); 6, V Valenta (Cz), 1.95 (758); 7, M Rossi (It), 1.95 (758); 8, G Kinder (US), 1.95 (758); 9, D Steen (Can), 1.95 (758); 10, W Kulvet (USSR), 1.92 (731); 11, B Gallweiler (Switz), 1.92 (731); 12, P Keskitalo (Fin), 1.89 (705); 13, P Hewlett (BVI), 1.83 (653).
400 METRES: Heat one: 1, Gallweiler, 49.94sec (836pts); 2, Nevskiy, 50.01 (814); 3, Lee An Fu, 51.06 (766); 4, Olander, 51.36 (753); 5, Hewlett, 52.14 (719); 6, Kinder, 52.22 (715); 7, Valenta 52.38 (706). Heat two: 1, Tarnavetskiy, 49.22 (851); 2, Kulvet, 49.58 (834); 3, Plaziat, 49.63 (832); 4, Poelman, 50.07 (811); 5, Muzzio, 50.69 (783). Heat three: 1, Steen, 49.59 (834), 2, Schenk, 51.34 (754); 3, Bright, 51.68 (739); 4, Neugebauer, 51.85 (731); 5, Da Silva, 57.45 (504). Heat four: 1, Blondel, 47.91 (913), 2, Voss, 47.96 (911); 3, Wentz, 48.48 (886); 4, Thompson, 49.81 (880); 5, Warming, 50.42 (795); 6, Motti, 50.88 (774).
POSITIONS AFTER FIRST DAY: 1, Voss, 4,556pts; 2, Plaziat, 4,405; 3, Thompson, 4,363; 4, Schenk, 4,339; 5, Wentz, 4,321; 6, Tarnavetskiy, 4,304; 7, Poelman, 4,300; 8, Nevskiy, 4,218; 9, Motti, 4,209; 10, Blondel, 4,161; 11, Muzzio, 4,131; 12, Kinder, 4,080; 13, Lee An Fu, 4,068; 14, Neugebauer, 4,019; 15, Steen, 3,999; 16, Kulvet, 3,996; 17, Gallweiler, 3,991; 18, Warming, 3,919; 19, Bright, 3,917; 20, Valenta, 3,870; 21, Olander, 3,819; 22, Da Silva, 3,790; 23, Hewlett, 3,442.

Women

1,500 metres
FIRST ROUND *(First four in each heat and overall four fastest losers qualify for final)*: Qualifiers for final: Heat one: 1, D Mellinte (Rom), 4min 05.41sec; 2, H Komar (EG), 4:05.42; 3, T Samolenko (USSR), 4:05.46; 4, E van Hulst (Neth), 4:05.57; 5, L Sheskey (US), 4:06.03; 6, F Aouam (Mor), 4:07.38. British non-qualifier: 7, Y Murray, 4:07.83. Heat two: 1, A Lange (EG), 4:05.18; 2, S Gasser (Switz), 4:05.48; 3, M Iachmeneva (USSR), 4:05.51; 4, M Junghiatu (Rom), 4:05.60; 5, D Bowker (Can), 4:05.90; 6, D Richburg (US), 4:07.10. Heat three: 1, U Bruns (EG), 4:08.36; 2, C Bürki (Switz), 4:08.39; 3, S Kitova (USSR), 4:08.64; 4, K Wade (GB), 4:09.06.

Long jump
QUALIFYING *(Leading 12 overall qualify for final)*: Qualifiers for final: Group one: 1, H Drechsler (EG), 6.95m; 2, G Chistyakova (USSR), 6.86; 3, I Valyukevich (USSR), 6.82; 4, J Inniss (US), 6.75; 5, S Moneva (Bul), 6.71; 6, L Damsbz (Den), 6.58. Group two: 1, J Joyner-Kersee (US), 6.86; 2, S Echols (US), 6.61; 3, N Boegman (Aus), 6.60; 4, L Nimova (Bul), 6.60; 5, H Radtke (EG), 6.58; 6, Y Belevskaya (USSR), 6.56.

Yesterday

Men

Long jump
QUALIFYING *(Competitors over 7.95 metres qualify for final)*: Qualifiers for final: Group one: 1, R Emmyan (USSR), 8.19m; 2, P Emordi (Nig), 8.14; 3, V Bobylev (USSR), 8.08; 4, J Kema (Fin), 8.06; 5, J Usui (Japan), 8.02; 6, J Jefferson (Cuba), 8.00; 7, M Conley (US), 7.99; 8, N Brige (Fr), 7.96. Group two: 1, C Lewis (US), 8.36; 2, L Myricks (US), 8.20; 3, J Herschberg (EG), 8.10; 4, Y Ali (Nig), 8.07; 5, V Arnajinov (Bul), 8.05; 6, H Reskl (WG), 8.03; 7, S Layevskoy (USSR), 7.98; 8, G Evangelisti (It), 7.97; 9, I Krsek (Cz), 7.96.

Decathlon
110 METRES HURDLES: Heat one: 1, Gahwiler, 14.83sec (870pts); 2, Tarnavetskiy, 14.86 (867); 3, Schenk, 15.03 (846); 4, Hewlett, 15.06 (737); 5, Olander, 16.32 (697). Heat two: 1, Plaziat, 14.64 (894); 2, Motti, 14.94 (857); 3, Muzzio, 14.97 (853); 4, Nevskiy, 15.01 (848); 5, Steen, 15.73 (763). Heat three: 1, Poelman, 14.45 (917); 2, Warming, 14.67 (890); 3, Kinder, 15.01 (848); 4, Valenta, 15.44 (797). Heat four: 1, Wentz, 14.06 (967); 2, Voss, 14 13 (958); 3, Bright, 14.42 (921); 4, Neugebauer, 14.43 (920); 5, Blondel, 14.46 (916); 6, Thompson, 14.87 (855).
DISCUS: 1, Tarnavetskiy, 47.86m (822pts); 2, Motti, 47.36 (816); 3, Wentz, 47.38 (816); 4, Schenk, 47.26 (813); 5, Kinder, 46.94 (807); 6, Olander, 46.76 (803); 7, Valenta, 46.72 (802); 8, Nevskiy, 46.42 (796); 9, Muzzio, 45.90 (785); 10, Thompson, 45.18 (771); 11, Plaziat, 44.92 (765); 12, Poelman, 44.28 (752); 13, Voss, 43.96 (745); 14, Gahwiler, 43.24 (731); 15, Blondel, 42.28 (711); 16, Warming, 40.94 (684); 17, Steen, 40.18 (668); 18, Neugebauer, 39.70 (659); 19, Bright, 39.38 (652); 20, Hewlett, 32.88 (521).
POLE VAULT: Group one: 1, Bright, 5.40m (1,035pts); 2, Voss, 5.10 (941); 3, Steen, 5.00 (910); equal 4, Blondel and Tarnavetskiy, 4.90 (880); 6, Kinder, 4.80 (849); 7, Poelman, 4.80 (849); 8, Plaziat, 4.80 (849); 9, Thompson, 4.80 (848); 10, Gahwiler, 4.80 (849); 11, Nevskiy, 4.70 (819); 12, Wentz, 4.70 (819). Group two: 1, Muzzio, 4.70 (819); equal 2, Olander and Warming, 4.90 (790); equal 4, Motti and Valenta, 4.50 (760); 6, Schenk, 4.50 (780); 7, Neugebauer, 4.40 (731); 8, Hewlett, 3.80 (562).

Women

Shot
QUALIFYING *(Competitors over 19 metres qualify for final)*: Qualifiers for final: Group one: 1, K Neimke (EG), 20.26m; 2, C Losch (WG), 19.73; 3, Meisu Li (China), 19.47; 4, H Hartwig (EG), 19.35; 5, N Lesovskaya (USSR), 19.22; 6, S Vasolova (Cz), 19.09; 7, I Piotrzstka (WG), 19.08. British non-qualifier: 8, J Oakes, 18.43. Group two: 1, H Fibingerova (Cz), 20.40; 2, I Müller (EG), 19.96; 3, S Stonp (WG), 19.64; 4, M Loghin (Rom), 19.27; 5, N Akimmenko (USSR), 19.21; 6, Zhihong Huang (China), 19.18; 7, S Mitkova (Bul), 19.07.

ROME TIMETABLE

All times BST

Today
8.20 p.m.: men's 50 kilometres walk (start).
8.30 a.m.: women's 4 x 100 metres relay (first round).
8.30 a.m.: women's javelin (qualifying, first pool).
9.00 a.m.: men's 4 x 100 metres relay (first round).
9.30 a.m.: men's 4 x 400 metres relay (first round).
9.40 a.m.: women's javelin (qualifying, second pool).
10.10 a.m.: men's 50 kilometres walk (finish).
2.30 p.m.: men's pole vault final.
4.00 p.m.: women's 4 x 100 metres relay (semi-finals).
4.00 p.m.: men's high jump (qualifying).
4.30 p.m.: men's 4 x 100 metres relay (semi-finals).
4.30 p.m.: men's long jump final.
5.00 p.m.: women's 4 x 400 metres relay (first round).
5.00 p.m.: women's shot final.
5.40 p.m.: men's 3,000 metres steeplechase final.
6.00 p.m.: women's 1,500 metres final.
6.20 p.m.: men's 4 x 400 metres relay (semi-finals).

Tomorrow
All finals
3.30 p.m.: men's high jump.
3.30 p.m.: men's marathon (start).
4.00 p.m.: women's 4 x 100 metres relay.
4.20 p.m.: men's 4 x 100 metres relay.
4.30 p.m.: women's javelin.
4.50 p.m.: men's 1,500 metres.
5.15 p.m.: women's 4 x 400 metres relay.
5.40 p.m.: men's marathon (finish).
6.00 p.m.: men's 5,000 metres.
6.30 p.m.: men's 4 x 400 metres relay.
7.10 p.m.: closing ceremony.

Wade is in at the deep end

Rome — Kirsty Wade's chances of winning a medal for Britain in the women's 1,500 metres final today will depend as much on her ability to read the team game of the Russians and East Germans as on her own finishing kick (David Powell writes).

Mrs Wade could hardly have had a more perplexing build-up. She was picked for the 1,500 metres instead of her preferred event, the 800 metres, and was almost eliminated in the semi-finals and Harry Wilson, her coach, has gone home following the death of his mother.

A full complement of three Russians and three East Germans will be among the 15 finalists. Mrs Wade, the Commonwealth champion, has run her best time — 4min 00.7sec — this season and won the European Cup, beating the new world 3,000m champion, Tatiana Samolenko, who will be attempting the double.

Although she is allowing herself "a little dream" she recognizes that the fact she is the third fastest in the world this year is no guarantee of a medal. "There is going to be a lot of agitation tactically and there are people in the field like Melinte. Samolenko and Körneor who are extremely strong at the finish."

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

Barclays League
First division
Charlton v QPR
Chelsea v Nottingham F
Coventry v Manchester Utd
Derby v Portsmouth
Everton v Tottenham
Newcastle v Wimbledon
Oxford v Luton
Southampton v Sheffield Wed
Watford v Norwich
West Ham v Liverpool

Beazer Homes League
Premier division
Alvechurch v Witney
Ashford v Bromsgrove
Bedworth v Chelmsford
Cambridge C v Dorchester
Corby v Crawley
Dartford v Nuneaton
Fareham v VS Rugby
Gosport v Shepshed
Redditch v Burton
Willenhall v Aylesbury
Worcester v Leicester U

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Huddersfield v Manchester United.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION (2.0): Luton v Charlton; Tottenham v Reading.
IRISH LEAGUE TNT GOLD CUP: Ards v Glentoran; Ballymena v Coleraine; Carrick v Linfield; Cliftonville v Bangor; Glenavon v Larne; Newry v Distillery; Portadown v Crusaders.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridlington Trinity v Long Eaton; Guiseley v Grimethorpe MW; Hatfield Main v Emley; Ossett v Denaby.

Second division
Barnsley v Plymouth
Birmingham v C Palace
Bradford v Millwall
Hull v Bournemouth
Ipswich v Leeds
Leicester v A Villa
Manchester C v Blackburn
Middlesbrough v Swindon
Reading v Oldham
Sheffield Utd v Stoke
WBA v Shrewsbury

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Caernarfon v Morecambe; Chorley v Gainsborough; Gateshead v Witton; Goole v Bangor City; Horwich v Worksop; Mossley v Marine; Oswestry v Barrow; Rhyl v Hyde; South Liverpool v Frickley; Southport v Matlock; Workington v Buxton. First division: Accrington Stanley v Eastwood; Congleton v Fleetwood; Farsley v Leek; Irlam v Harrogate; Netherfield v Radcliffe; Stalybridge v Alfreton; Sutton Town v Droylsden; *Winsford v Penrith.*

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Brandon v Billingham Synthonia; *Chester-le-Street v North Shields*; Consett v South Bank; Crook v Bishop Auckland; Easington v Blyth; Ferryhill v Guisborough; Gretna v Tow Law; Shildon v Whitley Bay (3.15); Spennymoor v Ryhope CA (3.15); Whitby v Newcastle Blue Star.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol City v Clevedon; Exmouth v Swanage and Herston; Liskeard v Mangotsfield; Melksham v Taunton; Minehead v Clandown; Paulton v Bideford; Plymouth Argyle v Dawlish; Saltash v *Bristol Manor Farm; Weston-super-Mare* v Frome; Torrington v Chippenham.

Third division
Brentford v Rotherham
Brighton v Blackpool
Bristol R v Wigan
Bury v Bristol C
Chester v Aldershot
Doncaster v Northampton
Gillingham v Chesterfield
Notts Co v Southend
P Vale v York
Preston v Grimsby
Walsall v Sunderland

FA VASE: Extra preliminary round: Rowntree Mackintosh v Billingham Town; Harrogate Railway v Eppleton CW; Dormans v Seaham Red Star; Tadcaster Albion v Great Harwood; Northallerton v Norton and Stockton Ancients; Evenwood v Stockton; Ponteland v Prudhoe East End; Horden CW v Alnwick; Yorkshire Amateur v Bridlington; Flixton v Darwen; Curzon Ashton v Maine Road; Kirkby v Lancaster; Eastwood Hanley v Oldham; Leyland Motors v Lincolype (3.15); Formby v Ashton; Bradley v Burscough; Mickleover RBL v Belper; Harworth CI v Gainsborough; Frecheville Community v North Ferriby; Worsbrough Bridge MW v Thackley; *Kiveton Park v Liversedge*; Hallam v Pontefract Collieries; Lough v Maltby MW; Hoanor v Armthorpe Welfare; Boston v Brigg; Tividale v Northfield; Halesowen v Brereton; Spalding v Evesham; Northampton Spencer v Knypersley Victoria; Wigston Fields v Ashington; Stamford v *Sankey v Thringstone*; Boldmere St Michaels v Oldswinford; Paget v Racing Club Warwick; Bilston v Anstey; Rothwell v Walsall Wood; Malvern v Hinckley; Felixstowe v Letchworth GC; Bowers v Diss; Histon v Hadleigh; Newmarket v Downham; March v Leiston; St Neots v Baker Perkins; Coalite Yaxley v London Colney; Hertford v Clacton (3.30); Aveley v Brightlingsea; Lowestoft v Maldon (2.30); Wroxham v Chatteris; Stowmarket v LBC Ortonians; Sandridge v Rayners Lane; Feltham v Chalfont St. Peter; Windsor v Brimsdown; Newport Pagnell v Clapton; Beckton v Wingate (at Wingate); Ware v 61 FC Luton; Selby v Bicester; Viking v Slotfold; Mount Grace Potters Bar v Tottenmoe; *Burnham Ramblers v Pennant*; Hanwell v Ampthill; Ruislip Manor v Potton; Crown and Manor v Biggleswade; Ford (London) v Cheshunt; Arlesey v Hemel Hempstead; East Thurrock Leavesden Hospital; J M Sports v Southgate; Nat West Bank v Hailsham; Dorking v Metropolitan Police (Hayes); Shoreham v Ringmer; Wick v Chobham; Southwick v Chipstead; Beckenham v Sittingbourne; Cray v West Wickham; Chertsey v Tunbridge Wells; Pagham v Danson; Horsham YMCA v Faversham; Deanrigh Hawkinge v Herne Bay; Cove v Reghill; Mersham v Ash; Lancing v Eastbourne United; Brockenhurst v Clanfield; Supermarine v Wallingford; Portsmouth RN v East Cowes Victoria; Bridport v Bournemouth; Yate v Radstock; Barnstaple v Tiverton; St Austell v Welton; Brislington v Truro (at Truro).

Fourth division
Burnley v Swansea
Cardiff v Wolverhampton
Exeter v Wrexham
Halifax v Newport
Hartlepool v Leyton Orient
Hereford v Bolton
Peterborough v Darlington
Scarborough v Tranmere
Scunthorpe v Rochdale
Torquay v Cambridge

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking v Basingstoke; Bishop's Stortford v Kingstonian; Bognor v Hitchin; Bromley v Yeovil; Croydon v Slough; Farnborough v Harrow; Hayes v Leyton-Wingate; Leytonstone Ilford v Carshalton; *St Albans v Dulwich; Tooting and Mitcham* v Hereford; Wokingham v Windsor and Eton. First division: Boreham wood v Southwick; Grays v Hampton; Kingsbury v Wolverton; Leatherhead v Chesham; Lewes v Basildon; Marlow v Stevenage; Oxford City v Walthamstow; Staines v Walton and Hersham; Uxbridge v Bracknell; Wembley v Woking; Worthing v Billericay. Second division north: *Berkhamsted v Rainham*; Hornchurch v Barton; Tilbury v Heybridge; Vauxhall Motors v Collier Row; Witham v Royston; Wivenhoe v Finchley. Second division south: Banstead v Petersfield; Egham v Newbury; Harefield v Fleetwood Heath; Molesey v Whyteleafe; Sandhurst Town v *Unused v Metropolitan Police*; Molesey v Southall; Yeading v Epsom and Ewell.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Bridgnorth v Coventry Sporting; Buckingham v Grantham; Dudley Town v Rushden (at Stourbridge); Forest Green v Atherstone; *Halesowen v King's Lynn*; Hednesford v Banbury; Mile Oak v Trowbridge; Moor Green v Stourbridge; Sutton Coldfield v Merthyr Tydfil; Wellington v Gloucester. Southern division: Andover v Canterbury; Baldock v Gravesend and Northfleet; Corinthian v Hounslow; Dover v Burnham, Dunstable v Folkestone; Erith and Belvedere v Sheppey; Poole v Bury; Thanet v Hastings; Tonbridge v Salisbury; Waterlooville v Chatham.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Colwyn Bay v Skelmersdale; Ellesmere Port and Neston v Clitheroe; Glossop v Colne Dynamoes; Salford v Rossendale; Prescot Cables v *Atherton LR; Warrington v St Helens.*

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.0): First division: Arsenal v Millwall; Charlton v Chelsea; Gillingham v Norwich City; Leyton Orient v Queen's Park Rangers; Portsmouth v Cambridge; Southend *Unused v Fulham*; Tottenham v West Ham Unted; Watford v Ipswich Town. Second division: Brighton and Hove v Luton Town; Bristol City v Southampton; Bournemouth v Northampton; Crystal Palace v Oxford United; Reading v *Colchester United*; Swindon Town v Brentford; Wimbledon v Tottenham.

Fine Fare Scottish League
Premier division
Dundee Utd v Celtic
Dunfermline v Motherwell
Falkirk v Aberdeen
Hibernian v St Mirren
Morton v Hearts
Rangers v Dundee

First division
Clydebank v Airdrie
Hamilton v Dumbarton
Meadowbank v Kilmarnock
Partick v E Fife
Queen of Sth v Forfar
Raith v Clyde

Second division
Arbroath v Albion
Cowdenbeath v Brechin
Montrose v E Stirling
Queen's Park v Berwick
Stenhsmuir v St Johnstone
Stirling v Ayr
Stranraer v Alloa

GM Vauxhall Conference
Barnet v Telford
Dagenham v Macclesfield
Fisher v Bath
Kettering v Maidstone
Kidderminster v Enfield
Northwich v Wycombe
Stafford v Lincoln
Sutton Utd v Boston
Wealdstone v Runcorn
Welling v Cheltenham
Weymouth v Altrincham

OTHER SPORT
ATHLETICS: Women's under-21 home international (at Middlesbrough); Southern women's league: South London Harriers '30'; GRE/BAL qualifier (at Northwood stadium, Hanley).
BOWLS: National club two fours finals (at Oxford).
CANOEING: Water carnival (at Holme Pierrepont). Premier ranking slalom event (at Tryweryn, Bala).
GOLF: WPGA Bowring Scottish open (at Cawder); English champion club tournament (at Coventry).
MOTOR CYCLING: 'Race of the Year' meeting (at Mallory Park).
MOTOR SPORT: Renault 5 Elf Turbo UK Cup: Ninth round (at Oulton Park).
POWERBOAT RACING: City of Plymouth trophy.
SPEEDWAY: British under-21 championship (at Stoke) National League: Canterbury v Eastbourne (7.0).
SQUASH RACKETS: West Yorkshire open championship (at Leeds, 4.0).
SURFING: National championships (at Freshwater West, Pembroke).
BOARD SAILING: Carlsberg Mistral national championships (at Bognor Regis).
YACHTING: Burnham week.

RUGBY UNION
COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP
First division
Nottingham v Moseley
Second division
Headingley v Saracens
CLUB MATCHES
Aberavon v Glamorgan Wanderers
Askeans v Newbury
Bath v Pontypool
Bedford v Leicester
Birmingham v Birkenhead Park
Bristol v Cardiff
Broughton Park v Davenport
Burton v Lichfield
Camborne v London Scottish
Cheltenham v Bridgwater and Alb
Coventry v Newport
Durham City v Wakefield
Ebbw Vale v Newbridge
Edwardians v Stroud
Exeter v Salisbury
Fylde v Blackheath
Gosforth v Roundhay
Harlequins v Glasgow and Dist
Llanelli v Pontypridd
Lydney v Penarth
Morley v Sale
Neath v Abertillery
Orrell v London Irish
Preston Grasshoppers v Hull
Rugby v Bradford
Swansea v Gloucester
Vale of Lune v Northampton
Wasps v Maesteg
Waterloo v Richmond
West Hartlepool v Middlesbrough

NORTH: Club matches: Barnsley v West Bridgford; Bramley v Oldham; Bridlington v Hornsea; Brixton v Wath-on-Dearne; Broughton Park v Davenport; Castleford v Sandal; Eccles v Burnage; Furness v Kendal; Hessle v Knottingley; Hullensians v Goole; Ilkley v West Leeds; Ionians v Manist; *Leodiensians v Selby*; Lymm v Aspull; Malton and Norton v Cleckheaton; Manchester v Chester; Moortown v Rodillians; New Brighton v Wolverhampton; Old Crossleyans v Bradford Salem; Old

CRICKET: BANKING ON RICE AND HADLEE TO HIT A HIGH NOTE IN THEIR COUNTY SWANSONG

Notts can make it a knock-out in this jubilee year

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

Some good, closely contested cricket should be produced by Nottinghamshire and Northamptonshire, the two most acquisitive sides of the season, in today's NatWest Trophy Final at Lord's (10.30).

If Northamptonshire and, to a lesser extent, Nottinghamshire have gone a little off the boil recently, they will muster a dozen Test players between them as well as Clive Rice, barred from winning as many caps as any of them only because of his South African nationality and a disinclination to play for anyone else.

When Northamptonshire met Yorkshire in the final of the Benson and Hedges in July they were at their peak and lost. Now that they are clearly past it (in their last nine championship matches they have collected a mere 42 points), they are hoping for the opposite to happen.

They are only the third side, after Middlesex in 1975 and Essex 10 years later, to have reached both of the Lord's one-day finals in the same season. Middlesex lost the pair of them; Essex lost the Benson and Hedges before winning the NatWest.

Nottinghamshire are still looking for their first success in any of the one-day competitions and there is a natural anxiety among their supporters that if they fail to win this one, while Rice and Hadlee are with them (it is the last English season for them both), the wait will keep lengthening. The presence of these two inclines me to think that Nottinghamshire will pull it off today.

All being well, Randall will be playing his first game for them since having a finger broken while batting against Leicestershire at Trent Bridge seven weeks ago. A Lord's final is just the stage for him and Rice is keen to have the benefit of his experience.

It was Randall who scored 16 of the 18 runs that Nottinghamshire needed of the last over of the 1985 final. He was caught off the last ball, at short mid-wicket off Pringle. Northamptonshire, for their part, may decide to take a chance with Williams, their pocket battleship, who has been out of action with a bruised chest. He, too, has the experience which can be useful on these occasions.

It is the 25th year of this knock-out competition, as it was originally called. Launched in 1963, with no guaranteed future, its final has been watched ever since by full houses — from the very first of them when Dexter, captaining Sussex, placed every fielder on the boundary to prevent Worcestershire from winning.

The circle precludes that now and the matches are over 60 rather than 65 overs a side. They attract a rowdier element than used to be so and, for many, that thoroughly spoils the fun. But as the years have gone by the competition has become a great success and the day of the final one of the most eagerly anticipated.

In today's two sides are more key figures than usual. Foremost among them, perhaps, is Richard Hadlee, primarily as a bowler, but also as an explosive hitter of the ball. If Northamptonshire can come intact through his first spell, the psychological effect on both sides could be significant.

Taking him on will be Cook and Larkins, a hardened opening pair, though Larkins's record here is unconvincing.

These two are followed by Bailey, Lamb and Capel, all of whom might have been going to India and Pakistan later in the month for the World Cup. Lamb is going and, as the best of them, he, too, has a special responsibility.

As dangerous as any of the three of them, though, can be Bailey. For the first half of the season they made Northamptonshire into the liveliest and most productive batting side in the country, at a time when Davis, their St Vincentian, was becoming one of the most feared of bowlers.

Yet scarcely less crucial to Northamptonshire's chances today may be the bowling of Mark Robinson, a 19-year-old Yorkshireman who has taken only a handful of first-class wickets and spent much of the last five weeks performing the duties of twelfth man.

Walker, whose place Robinson would take, is less likely to play than Williams, whose replacement could be Gareth Smith, a Geordie whose main claim to fame is that he dismissed Gavaskar with his second ball in first-class cricket. For him or Robinson to be called upon today will be the kind of ordeal from which dreams are made and reputations created.

Today's teams

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (from): G Cook (capt), W Larkins, R J Bailey, A J Lamb, *D J Capel*, R Williams, *D J Wild*, D Ripley (wkt), N G B Cook, W W Davis, A Walker, M A Robinson, R A Harper, R J Boyd-Moss, G Smith.
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE (from): B C Broad, R T Robinson, D W Randall, P Johnson, C E B Rice (capt), J D Birch, R J Hadlee, *B N French* (wkt), E E Hemmings, R A Pick, K Saxelby, M Newell.
Umpires: A G T Whitehead and D R Shepherd.



Finger in the pie: Randall is back and hungry for runs again

Meek Hampshire give up the chase

By John Woodcock

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire (8pts) drew with Leicestershire (6).

With neither side prepared to put their fortunes fully to the test at Southampton yesterday, the match between Hampshire and Leicestershire petered to a draw. Willey's declaration, which, for him, was not unreasonably cautious, left Hampshire to score 229 to win at just over six runs an over. While C L Smith and Terry were together making 91 for the first wicket, they seemed interested; but when both were out the sides called it a day, Hampshire somewhat meekly in that the decision to do so finally ended their championship hopes.

No-one was better suited by this, of course, than Nottinghamshire, whose victory over Sussex has taken their lead at the head of affairs to 22 points. Leicestershire and Lancashire can still catch them, both having a game in hand, but their chances of doing so are much reduced by the fact that Nottinghamshire's last match is against Glamorgan at Trent Bridge.

Given fine weather, it would be a major turn-up for Glamorgan not to run into trouble there. Leicestershire and Lancashire each have one match left at home — Leicestershire against Gloucestershire at Leicester and Lancashire against Surrey at Old Trafford — in which they will no doubt arrange for the preparation of a pitch to provide a result, albeit less palpably than Nottinghamshire.

At Southampton these last three days neither side bowled like genuine championship contenders or played on in poor light as though winning the championship was all that mattered. Altogether 71 overs were lost, very few of them because of rain.

Hampshire's hopes yesterday morning of gaining a lead of 100 or so, from their overnight 278 for five, and putting Leicestershire under pressure, were dashed when Robin Smith was leg before to Agnew in only the third over, Agnew bringing one back at him. Nicholas then declared more or less as soon as Hampshire had collected their fourth batting point.

With the odd ball turning and lifting, and occasionally lifting and moving appreciably off the seam, Leicestershire in their second innings had to be careful, for fear of collapsing. In the event, Willey played very well while making 44 in 55 balls; Boon scored a painstaking 94 and Gower such a good 47 as to make a winter without him seem a much less attractive prospect.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 286 (P B Clift 79, P A J DeFreitas 74; S J W Andrew 5 for 119, M D Marshall 4 for 57).

Second Innings

T J Boon c C L Smith b Maru	94
N E Briers c Terry b Marshall	1
*P Willey c Terry b Tremlett	44
D I Gower c Nicholas b James	46
J J Whitaker not out	36
P B Clift c Parks b Andrew	1
P A J DeFreitas st Parks b Maru	4
†P Whitcase not out	2
Extras (lb 10, w 1, nb 7)	18
Total (6 wkts dec)	246

J P Agnew, G J F Ferris and P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-64, 3-165, 4-211, 5-226, 6-239.

BOWLING: Marshall 8-2-33-1; Andrew 13-1-58-1; Maru 24-4-83-2; Tremlett 6-0-16-1; C L Smith 1-0-2-0; James 7-1-46-1.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry c Boon b Such	44
C L Smith run out	28
*M C J Nicholas c Clift b Agnew	36
D R Turner c Whitaker b Such	19
R A Smith lbw b Agnew	94
K D James c Clift b Willey	34
M D Marshall c Whitcase b Agnew	5
†R J Parks not out	8
T M Tremlett c Briers b DeFreitas	3
Extras (b 5, lb 6, w 4, nb 18)	33
Total (8 wkts dec, 84.2 overs)	304

R J Maru and S J W Andrew did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-120, 3-142, 4-169, 5-274, 6-289, 7-298, 8-304.

BOWLING: Ferris 11-3-45-0; Agnew 15-1-50-3; Clift 13-2-23-0; DeFreitas 19.2-0-82-1; Such 18-8-65-2; Willey 8-1-28-1.

Second Innings

V P Terry c Whitcase b Agnew	40
C L Smith b DeFreitas	43
R A Smith not out	2
*M C J Nicholas not out	0
Extras (lb 4, nb 3)	7
Total (2 wkts)	92

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-87, 2-91.

BOWLING: Agnew 12-1-48-1; Ferris 7-0-19-0; DeFreitas 4-1-21-1.

Umpires: A A Jones and N T Plews.

Britannic Assurance county championship

	P	W	L	T	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Notts (4)	23	9	1	-	14	64	76	268
Lancs (15)	22	8	4	-	10	49	69	246
Surrey (3)	23	7	3	-	13	61	70	243
Hampshire (5)	23	7	3	-	13	58	69	237
Leicester(7)	22	7	3	-	12	51	68	231
Yorks (9)	23	7	3	-	13	49	54	214
Northants(9)	22	7	3	-	12	40	64	212
Derby (11)	22	5	5	1	11	46	82	196
Worcs (5)	23	4	4	-	15	56	66	188
Glouce (2)	22	4	7	1	10	54	46	172
Essex (1)	23	2	3	-	18	43	73	156
Somerset (17)	23	2	3	-	18	58	55	156
Glam (17)	22	3	7	-	12	40	67	155
Kent (8)	23	2	7	-	14	50	63	145
Warwick (12)	23	2	7	-	14	45	63	140
Middlesex(12)	22	2	7	-	13	47	52	131
Sussex (14)	23	1	8	-	14	43	55	114

1986 positions in brackets
- *Essex total includes 8pts for drawn match when scores finished level.*
- *Northamptonshire total includes 12pts for win in one-innings match.*

TENNIS

Becker's main strength suffering from neglect

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, New York

The first weekend of the United States Championships looms upon us. Pat Cash excepted, all the more fancied contenders for the singles titles came through the first three days. Whether John McEnroe should be listed among the fancied is open to question. His wife expects their second baby next weekend and McEnroe ("I want to be there") is looking edgy. On the other hand, he usually does look edgy.

So far, McEnroe has disposed of two useful but not formidable Americans, Matt Anger and Richey Reneberg. His next opponent will be Slobodan Zivojinovic. If McEnroe is still in business after that, he will probably have to play Andres Gomez and Ivan Lendl in turn. McEnroe should be pacing up and down the environs of the maternity ward in good time.

The third round matches will feature two British players: Andrew Castle v Boris Becker and Anne Hobbs v Akiko Kijimuta of Japan, aged 19. In his philosophical way, Becker is rather worried. He has been working so hard on the rest of his game that his main strength, the service, seems to be suffering from comparative neglect. It is a question of the toss, Becker explains.

At this level, serving is far more complicated than simply throwing up the ball and whacking it. If his toss is a little too much to the left or the right he says the whole motion goes wrong. On the other hand, Becker is reassured by growing confidence in his footwork, his ground strokes and his volleying — reassured, that is, by the fact that he is no longer as dependent on explosive services as he was a year ago.

Jimmy Connors has a sore foot (hard courts are not the ideal cure for that) but has had a better draw than McEnroe. Connors has genially warmed up in the company of two compatriots, Joey Rive (a wild card) and Wayne Hern (a qualifier) and must now play another American, Jim Grabb, whose name — for all its connotations — has no adhesive claim on the memory.

Grabb is a big man and comes from Tucson, which is more familiar than you think. Many Westerns are filmed there, in a specially built facsimile of the dusty cattle towns of the old West.

Steffi Graf, favourite for the women's title, is less concerned about recent dental surgery (root canal work) than the fact that she must submit to more of the same.

Her tennis education is almost certain to be advanced next Saturday, in the only Grand Slam women's singles final that does not have even an approximate starting time. As usual, it will be sandwiched between the men's semi-finals. The sandwich metaphor is apt because the last two women in action here can never be sure when or how much to eat before they go on court.

As usual, too, the men's final is scheduled for 4 p.m. on the last day, which means the match could span daytime, evening and night. During the last few days of these championships, the scheduling does not make much sense.

Reverting to the subject of food, you should know that the courts temporarily share Flushing Meadow with a shopping centre and what is known as a food village. Those familiar with English country pubs and the legend "Jacket potatoes with various fillings" should note New York's terse equivalent: spuds.

FLUSHING MEADOW RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES: First round (US unless stated): K Flach bt L Duncan, 6-2, 7-6, 6-0; J Nystrom (Swe) bt J Sanchez (Sp), 7-6, 7-6, 3-6, 6-3, E Jelen (WG) bt B Oresar (Yug), 6-3, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; M Woodforde (Aus) bt B Scanlon, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2; J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt P Williamson, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4, A Chesnokov (USSR) bt C Hooper, 6-4, 6-1, 6-4; K Evernden (NZ) bt H Sundstrom (Swe), 6-2, 6-2, 7-6; G Donnelly bt C Limberger (Aus), 4-6, 6-7, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4; R Leach bt B Tessersman, 7-6, 6-3, 6-1; E Winogradsky (Fr) bt S Karmady, 6-4, 7-5, 2-6, 7-6; R Krishnan (India) bt P Annacone, 6-0, 7-5, 6-1; P Lundgren (Swe) bt P Cash (Aus), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. Second round: J Pugh bt G Muller (SA), 7-5, 6-3, 6-4; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt M Freeman, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 7-5; B Becker (WG) bt J Carter, 6-4, 6-2, 7-6; G Forget (Fr) bt T Benhabiles (Fr), 7-6, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, I Lendl (Cz) bt J Fleuran (Fr), 6-4, 6-2, 5-2; B Gilbert bt J Barger, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3; A Jarryd (Swe) bt P Fleming, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; A Castle (GB) bt J Brown, 7-6, 6-1, 6-3, J Connors bt W Hearn, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1; H Leconte (Fr) bt G Pozzi (It), 6-3, 6-2, 6-3; N Odizor (Nigeria) bt M Chang, 6-1, 6-2, 6-7, 9-8, 6-4; T Muster (Austria) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 6-7, 6-2, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; J Grabb bt R Smith (Bah), 6-0, 6-1, 6-3; S Zivojinovic (Yug) bt B Dyke (Aus), 2-6, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-0; A Gomez (Ecu) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6; J McEnroe bt R Reneberg, 7-6, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: E Smylie (Aus) bt E Pfaff (WG), 6-4, 7-5; R Fairbank bt B Gerken, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2; S Haruka (WG) bt K Okamoto (Japan), 6-0, 6-1; P Huber (Austria) bt C McGregor, 6-1, 6-4; P Shriver bt W White, 6-3, 6-3, M Maleeva (Bul) bt K Jordan, 7-5, 6-2; L Golarsa (It) bt M Werdel, 7-5, 0-6, 6-2.

Second round: G Sabatini (Arg) bt S Gomer (GB), 6-3, 6-1; B Bunge (WG) bt P Fendick, 6-2, 6-4; C Lindqvist (Swe) bt S Goles (Yug), 6-2, 6-0; I Cueto (WG) bt P Louie-Harper, 6-3, 6-2, L Bonder bt P Cecchini, 6-4, 6-1; H Mandlikova (Cz) bt J Dune (GB), 6-3, 6-7, 6-2; A Henricksson bt K Schimper (SA), 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, S Cecchini (It) bt P Hy (HK), 6-4, 5-7, 7-5; H Kelesi (Can) bt E Reinach (SA), 4-6, 6-1, 6-4; H Sukova (Cz) bt E Burgin, 6-3, 6-4; E Hakami bt M Paz (Arg), 6-2, 6-4; A Hobbs (GB) bt A Croft (GB), 6-2, 7-6, M Navratilova bt R White, 6-1, 6-3; C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt C Bassett (Can), 7-6, 6-0, A Kijimuta (Japan) bt A Dennes (Swi), 6-3, 1-6, 6-2; R Reggi (It) bt E Derly (Fr), 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; S Graf (WG) bt P Huber (Austria), 6-2, 6-3.

GOLF

Johnson moves into lead

Perfectionist that she is, Trish Johnson reckons she managed only one decent shot in the second round of the Bowring Ladies Scottish Open at Cawder in Glasgow yesterday (Patricia Davies writes).

But she still returned a 71, one under par, to move into the lead on 141, a stroke ahead of Dale Reid.

Miss Johnson's good shot was the five-iron she took off the tee at the 18th, landing it 15ft from the hole and sinking the putt for her third birdie in five holes. In fact, she used her putter only once on each of the last five holes, more than adequate compensation for her off-colour striking.

LEADING SCORES: (GB and Ireland unless stated): 141: T Johnson, 70, 71. 142: D Reid, 69, 73. 144: F Dassu (It), 74, 70; D Dowling, 72, 72. 146: K Douglas, 74, 72. 147: L Davies, 74, 73; L Behan 74, 73; C Dibnah (Aus), 71, 76; M Thomson 74, 73. 148: M-L Taya (Fr), 72, 76; L Neumann (Swe), 72, 76; A Sneard, 75, 73.

Lyle comes out of his slump at last

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent
Crans-Montana, Switzerland

Mark Mouland fashioned a second successive 66 on the Crans-Sur-Sierre course here yesterday to capture a share of the halfway lead in the European Masters alongside Ian Mosey, 66, with an aggregate of 132, 12 under par.

Tony Charnley (66) and Bill Longmuir (68) are each one stroke behind and Scott Simpson (67), the US Open Champion, is among a group on 134.

Sandy Lyle eased his recent worries with a round of 65, that included an outward half of 30 for a total of 136, but not all the news was encouraging for Tony Jacklin, the European Ryder Cup captain.

Howard Clark, José-Maria Olazábal and Ian Woosnam, three members of his team, all failed to beat the four under par halfway cut of 140 which constitutes a record for the European PGA tour.

Mouland is one of the game's most resiliant performers. Four birdies following an excellent eagle three at the first, where he was on the green with a driver and five-iron then holed from 18 feet, enabled Mouland to emulate Mosey, who has also scored 66 in each of the first two rounds.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (GB unless stated) 132: M Mouland, 66, 66; I Mosey, 66, 66. 133: B Longmuir, 65, 68; T Charnley, 67, 66. 134: G Ralph, 68, 66; P Walton (Ire), 68, 66; S Simpson (US), 67, 67; E Darcy (Ire), 66, 68. 135: R Chapman, 66, 69; J-M Canizares (Sp), 68, 67; M Persson (Swe), 68, 67; J Rivero (Sp), 70, 65; A Gamdo (Sp), 67, 68; A Forsbrand (Swe), 71, 64. 136: M Lanner (Swe), 67, 69; S Lyle, 71, 65; B Lee, 69, 67; S Luna (Sp), 68, 68; G Levenson (SA), 68, 68; A Chandler, 67, 69; P Fowler (Aus), 67, 69; M McNulty (Zim), 69, 67; J Angtada, 68, 68. 137: G Brand jnr, 72, 65; L Mize (US), 67, 70; O Selberg (Swe), 69, 68; J Heggarty, 69, 68; C O'Connor jnr (Ire), 67, 70; W Smith (Aus), 70, 67; D Smyth (Ire), 66, 67; B Gallacher, 69, 68.

O'Gaunt leads club encounter

The John O'Gaunt Club, unluckily beaten in a countback in Bedfordshire's colours last year, seized the lead on the first day of the English club championship at Coventry yesterday (John Hennessy writes). With a score of 143 they lead Sand Moor (Yorkshire) and Coxmoor (Nottinghamshire) by three strokes.

Paul Wharton, a scratch player for John O'Gaunt, returned a score of 74 which had to be discarded but his younger brother, Mark, maintained the family reputation with a round of 70 which was reinforced by Brian Harris's par 73. The best round of the day was Gary Harland's 68 for Sand Moor. Ealing, the holders, are seven shots behind.

LEADING SCORES: 143: John O'Gaunt (M Wharton 70, B Harris 73). 148: Sand Moor (G Harland 68 P Snowden 78). Coxmoor (M Betteridge 71, M Scothern 75). 147: Ashton-under-Lyne (A Squires 73, M Weid 74). 148: Bromborough (A Mitchell 73, G Edwards 75). 149: Penistone (R Davis 74, R Hern 75). Sundridge Park (P Lyons 74, W Hewlett 75). 150: Coventry (P Downes 73, A Carman 77). Moseley (D Prosser 73, C Norman 77). Ealing (A Rogers 73, J O'Shea 77). Old Fold Manor (A Clark 74, M Ready 76).

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Yorkshire v MCC

SCARBOROUGH: MCC beat Yorkshire by six wickets.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 317 for 4 dec (A A Metcalfe 152, P E Robinson 91).

Second Innings

A A Metcalfe c Dolenton b Cowans	0
I G Swallow c Henderson b Kippax	114
R J Blakey lbw b Cowans	6
P E Robinson lbw b Kippax	0
J D Love st Downton b Folley	32
S N Hartley b Folley	8
*D L Bairstow c Kippax b Folley	41
P J Hartley st Downton b Kippax	15
*P Carrick c Radley b Folley	21
A Sidebottom not out	1
Extras (b 3)	3
Total (9 wkts dec)	233

P W Jarvis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-14, 3-23, 4-86, 5-98, 6-190, 7-202, 8-227, 9-233.

BOWLING: Cowans 9-4-18-2; Fraser 11-3-21-0; Kippax 23-2-71-3; Atherton 11-2-37-0; Carr 4-1-11-0; Folley 20.4-7-72-4.

MCC: First Innings 303 for 9 dec (M A Atherton 110, C T Radley 72).

Second Innings

J D Carr c S N Hartley b Carrick	57
M A Atherton run out	27
S P Henderson c S N Hartley b Carrick	8
R O Butcher c Bairstow b Love	25
C T Radley not out	58
†P R Downton not out	54
Extras (b 8, lb 3)	11
Total (4 wkts)	250

*R D V Knight, I Folley, P J Kippax, A R C Fraser and N G Cowans did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-80, 2-84, 3-105, 4-126.

BOWLING: Jarvis 9-2-31-0; Sidebottom 8.4-1-31-0; P J Hartley 5-1-42-0; Swallow 8-2-28-0; Carrick 19-1-85-2; Love 11-1-44-1.

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and B Leadbeater.

Essex v Worcester

COLCHESTER: Worcestershire (20pts) beat Essex (2) by 119 runs.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 350 for 5 dec (G A Hick 156, *P A Neale 100 not out).

Second Innings: Forfeited

ESSEX: First Innings 11 for 0 dec

BOWLING: Newport 3-1-3-0; McEwan 3-1-5-0; Hick 1-0-1-0.

Second Innings

B R Hardie lbw b Radford	16
J P Stephenson b Radford	0
A W Lilley b Radford	46
P J Prichard b Newport	2
*G A Gooch c cWeston b Newport	63
K W R Fletcher b Radford	0
D R Pringle not out	63
N A Foster lbw b Weston	1
†D E East b Newport	13
J K Lever c Lampitt b Radford	1
J H Childs b Newport	4
Extras (lb 1, lb 8, w 1)	11
Total	220

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-33, 3-38, 4-94, 5-98, 6-182, 7-183, 8-202, 9-205.

BOWLING: Radford 19-2-77-5; Newport 23.1-4-84-4; McEwan 6-1-22-0; Weston 9-4-27-1.

Umpires: S J Mayer and P J Eele.

Glamorgan v Derbys

CARDIFF: Derbyshire (23pts) beat Glamorgan (6) by three wickets.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 238 (M P Maynard 119; M A Holding 5 for 41).

Second Innings

A R Butcher not out	113
*H Morris c O'Gorman b Finney	25
G C Holmes st Maher b Barnett	36
M P Maynard c Maher b Finney	0
R C Ontong c Morris b Barnett	9
P A Todd b Finney	5
J Derrick lbw b Barnett	0
†G P Metson lbw b Barnett	0
I Smith c O'Gorman b Holding	45
S J Base c Barnett b Malcolm	9
S R Berwick b Holding	3
Extras (lb 8, w 4, nb 5)	17
Total	262

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-73, 2-73, 3-88, 4-98, 5-104, 6-105, 7-105, 8-183, 9-237.

BOWLING: Holding 21.4-3-72-2; Warner 5-1-13-0; Mortensen 5-1-12-0; Malcolm 9-1-40-1; Finney 28-11-47-3; Barnett 31-11-70-4.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 286 (S J Base 4-67).

Second Innings

*K J Barnett st Metson b Ontong	45
J E Morris c Butcher b Smith	39
B Roberts c Derrick b Ontong	47
A E Warner c sub b Holmes	4
M A Holding b Ontong	32
*C S Cowdrey b Munton	17
R Sharma st Metson b Ontong	4
R J Finney run out	13
†B J M Maher not out	19
T J E O'Gorman not out	11
Extras (b 4, lb 5)	9
Total (7 wkts)	216

O H Mortensen and D E Malcolm did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-109, 3-115, 4-153, 5-166, 6-190, 7-192.

BOWLING: Base 5-0-33-0; Smith 8-0-34-1; Ontong 16-1-85-4; Holmes 12-1-55-1.

Gloucs v Somerset

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire (6pts) drew with Somerset(7).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 282 (P W Romaines 115; V J Marks 4 for 46).

Second Innings

A J Wright lbw b Jones	2
P W Romaines c sub b Mallender	2
†P C Russell c Felton b Jones	9
G E Sainsbury b Jones	5
C W J Athey lbw b Mallender	98
K M Curran c Hardy b Jones	22
P Bainbridge c Burns b Jones	9
M W Alleyne not out	25
K B Ibadulla lbw b Mallender	0
A W Stovold not out	37
Extras (lb 6, nb 6)	12
Total (8 wkts dec)	219

C A Walsh did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-10, 3-12, 4-24, 5-102, 6-116, 7-168, 8-185.

BOWLING: Jones 20-2-68-5; Mallender 24.5-5-73-3; Marks 15-5-48-0; Waugh 14-1-47-0.

SOMERSET: First Innings 251 for 8 dec (S R Waugh 137 not out; C A Walsh 4 for 51).

Second Innings

N A Felton c Athey b Sainsbury	5
*P M Roebuck not out	23
S R Waugh lbw b Bainbridge	12
J G Wyatt not out	29
Extras (nb 2)	2
Total (2 wkts)	76

Warwicks v Kent

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire (24pts) beat Kent (5) by 133 runs.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 302 for 9 dec (A J Moles 151).

Second Innings

T A Lloyd c Davis b Baptiste	41
A J Moles lbw b Penn	5
Asif Din lbw b Baptiste	53
D L Amiss c Asloti b Baptiste	2
†G W Humpage b Baptiste	17
D A Thorne b/w b Baptiste	11
P A Smith b Baptiste	36
G C Small c and b Baptiste	19
A T Merrick lbw b Baptiste	15
T A Munton not out	6
*N Gifford not out	7
Extras (b 9, lb 1, nb 4)	14
Total (9 wkts dec)	220

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-84, 3-86, 4-101, 5-124, 6-148, 7-173, 8-192, 9-203.

BOWLING: Iggleden 17-1-57-0; Penn 14-1-74-1; Baptiste 21-3-76-5; Cowdrey 2-0-3-0.

KENT: First Innings 243 (M R Benson 87, E A E Baptiste 60; G C Small 4 for 60).

Second Innings

M R Benson b Munton	25
S G Hinks b Small	5
S C Goldsmith c sub b Merrick	4
C J Tavaré b Munton	6
D G Aslett lbw b Merrick	1
*C S Cowdrey b Munton	17
E A E Baptiste b Merrick	0
†S A Marsh c Lloyd b Smith	28
C Penn c Thorne b Small	5
A P Igglesden c Humpage b Munton	19
R P Davis not out	21
Extras (b 4, lb 7, w 1)	12
Total	146

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-13, 3-39, 4-42, 5-50, 6-50, 7-85, 8-93, 9-115.

BOWLING: Small 19-2-58-2; Merrick 12-4-21-3; Munton 13.2-4-33-4; Smith 7-0-25-1.

Surrey v Northants

THE OVAL: Surrey (24pts) beat Northamptonshire (4) by 10 wickets.

SURREY: First Innings 304 (T E Jesty 72, M A Lynch 68; N G B Cook 4 for 33).

Second Innings

D J Bicknell not out	24
D M Smith not out	34
Extras (b 2, lb 3, nb 1)	6
Total (no wkt)	64

A J Stewart, M A Lynch, T E Jesty, †C J Richards, *I A Greig, K T Medlycott, M A Feltham, S T Clarke and M P Bicknell did not bat.

BOWLING: Davis 6-2-15-0; Robinson 3-0-18-0; N G B Cook 5-0-19-0; Smith 3-1-6-0; G Cook 0.1-0-1-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 137 (*G Cook 50; M P Bicknell 5 for 28, S T Clarke 4 for 43).

Second Innings

*G Cook b Clarke	20
W Larkins c and b Clarke	30
R J Bailey lbw b M P Bicknell	0
A J Lamb b M P Bicknell	70
R J Boyd-Moss c Smith b Clarke	35
D J Capel b Clarke	28
†D Ripley c Lynch b Clarke	3
N G B Cook c Stewart b Clarke	8
W W Davis c Richards b Clarke	17
G Smith b Clarke	0
M A Robinson not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 13, nb 2)	19
Total	230

Surrey cling to hopes of placing second

Second place in the Britannic Assurance county championship is now the best Surrey can hope for, despite their demolition of Northamptonshire by 10 wickets at the Oval (Geoffrey Wheeler writes). Northamptonshire are unlikely to finish in the top five, a remarkable collapse considering that they did not surrender the lead until August 11.

But Clarke's burst of five for 13 in 7.4 overs snuffed out their resistance and gave him 12 wickets in a match for the first time.

First bowler to 100 wickets was Radford of Worcestershire, who accomplished the feat for the second time in the course of taking five for 77 at Colchester where Essex, went down by 119 runs after being set 340.

Emburey has turned down Warwickshire

Warwickshire, a county club fast being torn apart by internal strife, must prepare for more bad news. John Emburey, the key character in their team planning, has decided to turn down the offer of going to Edgbaston as captain (Alan Lee writes).

Emburey's rejection follows the dramatic resignation of Bob Willis as cricket chairman, although the two events are not directly connected.

There may, however, be another twist to the saga. The Worcestershire chairman, Duncan Fearnley, arrived unannounced during Middlesex's match at Uxbridge this week. Emburey is impressed by the set-up at Worcester and if they were prepared to offer him the captaincy at some stage he could yet request permission to talk terms with them.

HOCKEY

Wales on full attack

Helen Jones, of Newtown, scored her first goal on the second day of the second women's NatWest European Cup at Picketts Lock as Wales beat France 3-0 yesterday (Joyce Whitehead writes).

Attack was their theme and they went from strength to strength. Sue Crowley and Kate Rodderick scored the other goals for Wales.

But Scotland were disappointed, losing 4-1 to the Soviet Union. After beating Belgium 5-0 on Thursday, they started off full of purposeful attack with fine support from Moira McLeod. Then Natalia Krasnikova, the Soviet captain, opened the scoring and added another before Alison Ramsey caught the rebound from a penalty corner to reduce the deficit. Muhabat Baskuziene scored a copybook goal and a rally of shots ended with Ona Kanapenine claiming the final goal for the Soviets.

RESULTS: Wales 3, France 0; Soviet Union 4, Scotland 1; Netherlands 9, Belgium 1.

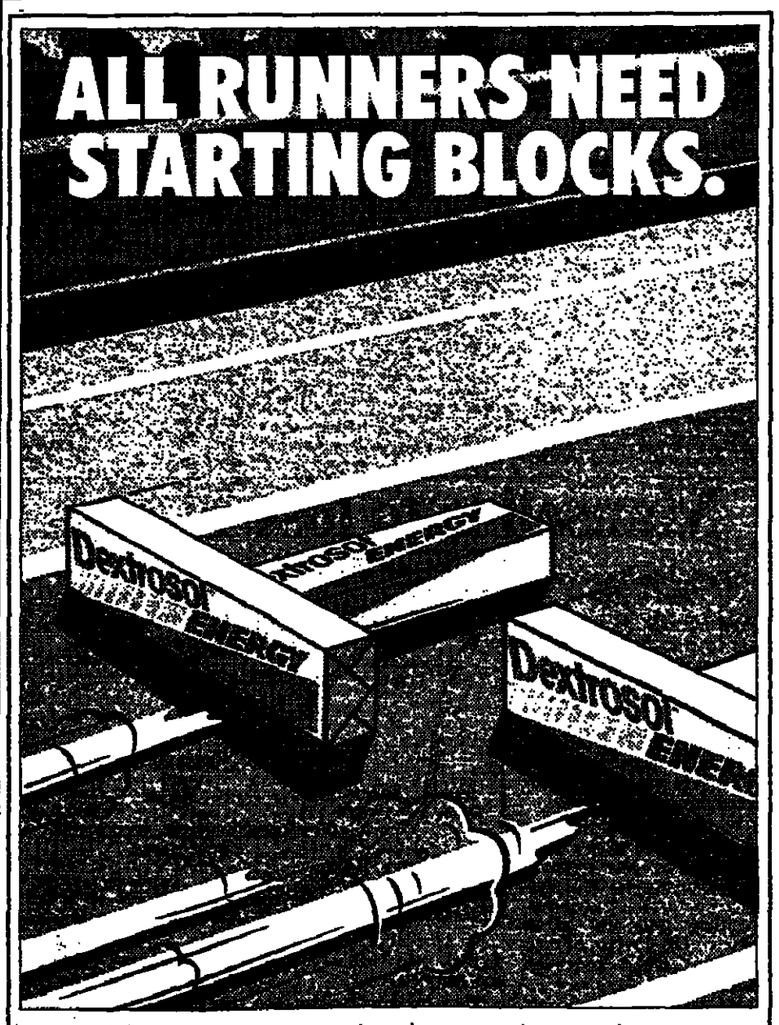
RUGBY LEAGUE

Hanley returns to bolster Wigan

After all the speculation about his future with Wigan, Ellery Hanley has turned up for full training following his calf injury and regains his place in the Wigan side for the short trip to Swinton tomorrow (Keith Macklin writes).

This match has excited the imagination of the Swinton supporters to such an extent that there is an all-ticket ceiling of 10,000 on the attendance. This will be a remarkable figure for Station Road, which was once an international ground but which has fallen on harder times with average attendances nearer 2,000. No doubt the vast Wigan army of followers will account for most of the attendance, and Swinton, promoted last season, and winners of the second division premiership, will probably find a Wigan side reinforced by Hanley too much for them.

For St Helens, the troubles continue. Last season's beaten Wembley finalists, who have suffered several reverses in the summer transfer market, are without several injured forwards for the home game with Hull Kingston Rovers. They are internationals, John Fieldhouse, who will have an operation on a cartilage on Monday, and Andy Platt (broken wrist), plus Bernard Dwyer, the promising reserve forward. The Saints, who lost to Castleford last week, can hardly afford another early season defeat.



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Cram turns on the heat again

From Pat Butcher Athletics Correspondent Rome

The only thing to suggest that Steve Cram cannot successfully defend his 1,500 metres title in the world athletics championships here tomorrow was the case with which Abdi Bile Abdi, of Somalia, went from the back to the front of the dozen men, including Cram, on the last lap of the first semi-final to win yesterday.

Abdi finished in three minutes 35.67 seconds, a championship best. José-Luis Gonzales, who achieved lasting fame by beating Cram in the European Cup earlier in the season, was second in 3min 35.68sec. But the proximity of Cram in third, in 3min 35.78sec, tells part of the story which should have a happy ending for the Briton tomorrow afternoon.

Cram looked just as easy as he had been in his heat the previous day. He again ran at the back to avoid trouble, moved up in the middle of the race, and took his position among the leaders with just over a lap to run.

But instead of surging away down the straight, as he looked about to do, he stayed in the blanket finish, a tactic which, on his own admission, was the better to study his opponents. One thing is certain and he knows it: he cannot afford to leave his ultimate move so late tomorrow.

The measure of the respect for him by his principal opponents is that even Abdi's manager thinks that Cram is a certain winner with his own man a probable bronze medal winner. And Gonzales has said, knowing Cram's likely tactic: "I cannot stay with the Englishman if he runs a fast last 800 metres."

Steve Crabb chose yesterday to have his worst race of the season, which he admitted afterwards. He was responsible for the fall of Mogens Guldberg in a mêlée in the first 50 metres, an incident which was only the first of a series of bumps that the Englishman got involved in. He had lost heart by the last lap, being so badly positioned throughout, and was far from qualifying in ninth place. Jens-Peter Herold, the other medal favourite, won the second semi-final in 3min 40.37sec.

Said Aouita made his first appearance of the week. And it was a vintage performance. After threatening all year to run up to four races here, he inevitably chose his Olympic gold medal distance. And he dominated from behind.

A fairly languid pack permitted the unlikely scenario of the leaders, with two laps to go, being a Chinese, a Japanese and a teenage Tanzanian. But when the pace quickened up Aouita shot to the front and stayed there. He preserved his unbeaten record, since losing a world record 1,500 metres to Cram on July 16, 1985, winning in 13min 28.63sec.

With the first five qualifying by right, Tim Hutchings got to today's final only by virtue of its being the faster semi.

Aouita kept attention on himself by remonstrating with Vincent Rousseau for spiking the Moroccan's right leg. He went across to the Belgian, who was bending over catching his breath, and lifted his head by the hair to tell him off.

Jack Buckner finished an easy fourth in the second semi-final and still looked the likeliest contender for the crown that Aouita has willed to himself; although, as Buckner pointed out, John Ngugi, of Kenya, also looks good.

Despite a seemingly impossible bent-knee stride, reminiscent of Groucho Marx, the Kenyan world cross-country champion covers the ground remarkably quickly. Ngugi made most of the running and stayed ahead until the end, winning in 13min 22.68sec. But Buckner really looked as if he was out for a stroll. He finished in 13min 24.56sec but Steve Ovett, although qualifying as a fastest loser from this heat, seems unlikely to figure in the final.

Ginka Zagorcheva, of Bulgaria, won the high hurdles in 12.34sec after a start which would have made Ben Johnson proud.

Kristiansen triumphs

Rome — Ingrid Kristiansen and Jackie Joyner-Kersee dominated a damp fifth day of the World Championships yesterday (Pat Butcher writes).

Mrs Joyner-Kersee is joint world long jump record-holder at 7.45m with Heike Drechsler; with 7.36m yesterday, she took Mrs Drechsler's title and her second gold medal of the championships. The East German injured herself on her third attempt, and finished third in 7.13m, 1cm behind Elena Belevskaya.

It did not take Mrs Kristiansen long to run away from the 10,000m field. After only one and a half of the 25 laps, the Norwegian shot into a 30m lead. She quickly built that up to 100m and won handsomely in 31min 5.85sec.

The hopes for Liz Lynch proved unfounded as far as victory was concerned. After leaving the chasers for 23 laps she got left behind on the last, and could only finish fifth in 31:19.82.



Fallen idol: Thompson shows the strain of lifting himself to greater heights in the pole vault

Thompson dignified in defeat

From David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent, Rome

The moment had to come sooner or later, when Daley Thompson was overtaken by events or by an athlete even greater than he. It arrived in the world championships here yesterday. He surrendered his decathlon crown because he was a long way below his previously habitual super-human fitness. Even half fit, he was still an exceptional performer.

At the conclusion of another fine competition, the vanquished waited behind, after he had limped home at the back of the 1500m in the final event to congratulate the conqueror: Torsten Voss, aged 24, of East Germany. Voss and Sigi Wentz, the West German bronze medal winner from Los Angeles who now took the silver had lapped the track in celebration and when met by Thompson, embraced them in their midst in front of the photographers. They knew what it means to defeat such a man.

Voss had for two days been solid without being spectacular. He and Wentz had led this years rankings, yet last night Voss finished with a total well outside Thompson's world record of 1984, surpassing his individual event marks in only the high jump and 1500. Thompson, with the best possible motives, has always tried to simplify his lifestyle: to eliminate diversions and create a mental and physical exclusiveness in the search for athletic perfection.

For nine years he succeeded gloriously, but over the past two days, as his world domination fell apart in front of a global audience, he had to come to terms with a scenario which he had previously refused to admit existed: at least for him.

That he did so with magnanimity towards his opponents and without loss of dignity added to the breadth of his reputation. We had all wondered what Thompson the loser would look like; and now, unavoidably because an adductor muscle groin strain has for months impeded his training, Thompson discovered perhaps to his own surprise that he could live comfortably with the new, however unwelcome, image.

Was it not only four years ago that Thompson had said, talking to Skip Rozin, author of the semi-biographical *The Subject Is Winning*: "People don't need to know about injuries. They're just excuses. If the injury is that bad, I'm not going to perform. If it's not that bad, I am going to perform well. Either I do it to the best of my ability, or not at all."

Some were surprised that Thompson still came to the line on Thursday knowing of the restrictions that were upon him. Athletes like to believe in absolutes, in black and white, because they make them feel comfortable. Thompson, aged 29 and a newly-married man, is just discovering that the truth holds many shades of grey.

Perhaps the realization began to dawn seriously yesterday in mid-morning. The opening high hurdles had been a relative disaster in his terms, nearer 15 seconds than 14. Then, on his third and final discus throw, the seventh event — one of those crisis moments he has so often talked about overcoming — the implement lurched barely the length of a cricket pitch. He strolled back to the sunshade, changed his shirt, and smiled, chatting to his rivals. He had come to terms with the fact that he might not merely fail to win, but even take a medal.

Thompson had told Rozin that the rest of the world did not understand the decathlon. "Even people who do other sports seriously, they don't understand. It's that difficult ... like trying to see details of the moon with the naked eye ... like being a monk ... because there's nothing else. It's everything."

In his attempt to understand and define himself, Thompson lost touch with the rest of the world. Yesterday he found out a little, and it did him no harm. His reaction to defeat had more dignity than his frenetic response to victory in Los Angeles.

Daley Thompson's world record	100m	Long jump	Shot	High jump	400m	Halfway score	110m hurdles	Discus	Pole vault	Javelin	1500m	TOTAL
Los Angeles Aug 8/9 1984	10.44s 989	8.01m 1063	15.72m 834	2.03m 831	46.97m 960	4677	14.33s 932	46.56m 799	5.00m 910	65.24m 817	4m 35s 712	8847
1987 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP												
1 Torsten Voss	10.69s 931	7.88m 1030	14.98m 788	2.10m 896	47.96s 911	4556	14.13s 958	43.96m 745	5.10m 941	58.02m 708	4m 25.93s 772	8680
2 Siggy Wentz	10.78s 910	7.42m 915	15.57m 825	1.98m 785	48.48s 886	4321	14.06s 967	47.36m 816	4.70m 819	65.28m 818	4m 33.70s 720	8451
9 Daley Thompson	10.67s 935	7.52m 940	15.09m 795	2.01m 813	48.61s 880	4363	14.87s 865	45.18m 771	4.80m 849	54.14m 650	4m 48.78s 626	8124

LATE DETAILS FROM ROME

Men

1,500 metres

SEMI-FINALS *(First five in each heat and overall two fastest losers qualify for final)*: Heat one: 1, A Bile (Som) 3mn 35.67sec; 2, J-L Gonzalez (Sp), 3:35.68; 3, S Cram (GB), 3:35.78; 4, J Cheshire (Ken), 3:35.82; 5, S Scott (US), 3:35.91; 6, H Kulker (Neth), 3:36.08; 7, R Geoffroy (Fr), 3:37.47; 8, L Masunov (USSR), 3:39.24; 9, P Bourke (Aus), 3:38.42; 10, C Aragon (US), 3:39.45; 11, Z Ozturk (Tur), 3:42.17; 12, D Baumann (WG), 3:47.71. Heat two: 1, J-P Herold (EG), 3:40.57; 2, J Spivey (US), 3:40.63; 3, K Cheruiyot (Ken), 3:40.64; 4, O Khalifa (Sudan), 3:40.79; 5, M Hillardt (Aus), 3:40.95, 6, M Silva (Por), 3:41.12; 7, M O'Sullivan (Ire), 3:41.24; 8, T Benito (Sp), 3:41.89; 9, S Crabb (GB), 3:42.12; 10, U Becker (WG), 3:43.73; 11, P Rono (Ken), 3:44.76; 12, M Guldberg (Den) 3:50.79.

5,000 metres

FIRST ROUND *(First five in each heat and overall five fastest losers qualify for final)*: Qualifiers for final: Heat one: 1, S Aouita (Mor), 13min 28.63sec; 2, Dom Castro (Por), 13:28.68; 3, F O'Mara (Ire), 13:28.79; 4, S Morse (US), 13:28.86; 5, A Anton (Sp), 13:28.92; 6, T Hutchings (GB), 13:29.06; 7, V Rousseau (Bel), 13:29.74. Heat two: 1, J Ngugi (Ken), 13:22.68; 2, Dion Castro (Sp), 13:23.12; 3, P Delizze (Switz), 13:24.07; 4, E Ignatov (Bul), 13:24.42; 5, J Buckner (GB), 13:24.56; 6, S Ovett (GB), 13:28.68; 7, J Treacy (Ire), 13:28.89; 8, C Nelson (Can), 13:29.20.

Decathlon

JAVELIN: Group one: 1, Kinder, 66.10m (830pts), 2, Wentz, 65.28 (818); 3, Schenk, 61.42 (759); 4, Newsley, 60.56 (746); 5, Motti, 58.38 (713); 6, Thompson, 54.14 (650); 7, Hewlett, 45.48 (522); 8, Warming, 44.36 (506). Group two: 1, Olander, 70.94 (904); 2, Gahwiler, 63.28 (787); 3, Muzzio, 59.14 (725); 4, Poelman, 58.90 (721); 5, Tamavetsky, 58.60 (717); 6, Voss, 58.02 (708); 7, Valenta, 57.56 (701); 8, Neugebauer, 56.28 (682); 9, Blondel, 55.68 (673); 10, Plaziat, 53.08 (634).

Women

100 metres hurdles

SEMI-FINALS *(First four in each heat qualify for final)*: Heat one: 1, C Oschkenat (EG), 12.65sec; 2, G Zagorcheva (Bul), 12.75; 3, L Martin (US), 12.94; 4, A Piquereau (Fr), 12.95; 5, F Colle (Fr), 13.04; 6, S Gunnell (GB), 13.06; 7, R Heggli (Switz), 13.20; 8, N Vallecilla (Ec), 13.28. Heat two: 1, G Ubal (EG), 12.68; 2, V Donkova (Bul), 12.76; 3, L Bloy (Fr), 12.88; 4, C Zaczkowicz (WG), 13.01; 5, S Hightower (US), 13.12; 6, S Hunter (US), 13.26; 7, A Lopez (Cuba), 13.31; 8, P Lombardo (It), 13.38.

FINAL: 1, Zagorcheva, 12.34sec; 2, Ubel, 12.44; 3, Oschkenat, 12.46; 4, Donkova, 12.49; 5, Piquereau, 12.82; 6, Bloy, 12.83; 7, Zaczkowicz, 12.90; 8, Martin, 13.06

KEY: Aus: Australia; Austria: Bel: Belgium; Bra: Brazil; Bul: Bulgaria; BVI: British Virgin Islands; Can: Canada; Colom: Colombia; Cz: Czechoslovakia; Den: Denmark; EG: East Germany; Ec: Ecuador; Fin: Finland; Fr: France; GB: Great Britain; Ire: Ireland; It: Italy; Japan; Ken: Kenya; Mor: Morocco; Neth: Netherlands; NZ: New Zealand; Nig: Nigeria; Pol: Poland; Por: Portugal; Rom: Romania; Som: Somalia; Sp: Spain; Sudan; Swe: Sweden; Switz: Switzerland; Taipei; Tur: Turkey; US: United States; USSR: Soviet Union; WG: West Germany.

MEDALS

	G	S	B	Total
E Germany	6	5	7	18
USSR	4	5	2	11
US	4	4	3	11
Bulgaria	3	0	1	4
Kenya	2	0	0	2
Italy	1	2	0	3
Canada	1	0	0	1
Finland	1	0	0	1
Portugal	1	0	0	1
Switzerland	1	0	0	1
Gt Britain	0	2	2	4
Australia	0	2	0	2
Czech	0	1	1	2
France	0	1	1	2
Nigeria	0	1	0	1
Romania	0	1	0	1
Jamaica	0	0	3	3
Brazil	0	0	1	1
China	0	0	1	1
Spain	0	0	1	1
W Germany	0	0	1	1

Nicholas wants a transfer

By Clive White

Charlie Nicholas handed in a transfer request to Arsenal yesterday while Celtic denied any interest in one of their former favourite sons. George Graham, the Arsenal manager, hinted yesterday that he would not attempt to dissuade Nicholas from leaving Highbury.

Speculation intensified in the last seven days when Nicholas was omitted from the Arsenal line-up with the season just three games old and the team responded by beating Portsmouth 6-0.

Graham, the third Arsenal manager to attempt to extract the full worth of the undoubtedly gifted Nicholas, said yesterday: "I didn't feel it was inevitable he would ask to leave but now he has it must go through the normal channels.

"Charlie knows the team is picked on performance. Players at this club have to accept that. I want players who are willing to challenge for their places."

Graham was believed to be keen on selling Nicholas last season but his match-winning performance in the Littlewoods Cup final in April when he scored both goals in Arsenal's 2-1 win against Liverpool encouraged Graham to offer him a new one-year contract which he signed only a few weeks ago.

Graham confirmed that Celtic had expressed an interest in the summer but that he heard nothing from them since. Celtic's manager, Billy McNeill, said yesterday: "I won't be drawn into speculation about Nicholas."

Sussex's affliction is a doctored pitch

By Alan Lee

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire (20pts) beat Sussex (4) by eight wickets.

A few days ago, Nottingshamshire's bold attempt to catch three major titles looked set to end in a monumental fumble and a lot of tears. Not any more. Victory over beleagured Sussex has put the smiles back on the faces around Trent Bridge in time for today's NatWest Trophy Final at Lord's.

On the face of it, this was a hollow win, achieved on a doctored pitch against a team presently ranked the worst in England. What matters most for Clive Rice's side, however, is that the points tally has been swelled by another 20 and the pressure is now right back on second placed Lancashire.

It took only 83 minutes yesterday for the leaders to score the required 65 runs for victory, achieved with one nervous spasm. When Broad drove at Reeve and was caught behind, Rice sent in French, the wicketkeeper, with instructions to swing the bat.

It was an interesting move but a failure. French made only two before, following orders, he launched something extravagant against Reeve and was bowled, whereupon sanity was restored in the miniature form of Johnson.

Sussex trailed back to the south coast with only the wooden spoon to contemplate and no short term cures in sight. Nottinghamshire resumed their lordly pose at the head of affairs, and, if they can dispose of Glamorgan in similar fashion in their final game next week, Lancashire will have a formidable task to overhaul them.

One thing is certain. Despite a visit yesterday by Bernard Flack, the inspector of pitches, there will not be a batsman's paradise awaiting the Welshmen. Nottinghamshire, through groundsman Ron Allsopp have perfected the art of preparing pitches to their strengths and, with glory in sight, they will carry on regardless of criticism.

Rice, indeed, positively revels in the disapproval. He said last night: "The more that is said and written about our pitches, the better I like it because it means that other teams come here with the thought fixed in their minds that conditions will be far worse than they actually are."

After the completion of yesterday's matches Lancashire and Leicestershire are the only teams who can prevent Nottinghamshire winning the Britannic Assurance county championship.

MATCHES REMAINING:
Nottinghamshire (268pts): Glamorgan (Trent Bridge).
Lancashire (246): Surrey (Old Trafford), Essex (Chelmsford).
Leicestershire (231): Gloucestershire (Leicester), Kent (Canterbury).

SUSSEX: First Innings 123 (R J Hadlee 5 for 20).
Second Innings 80 (K Saxelby 6 for 49, R J Hadlee 4 for 26).

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 133 (B C Broad 73; A C S Pigot 5 for 35).

Second Innings	
B C Broad c Moores b Reeve	10
R T Robinson not out	27
†B N French b Reeve	2
P Johnson not out	31
Extras (nb 1)	1
Total (2 wkts)	71

*C E B Rice, J D Birch, E E Hemmings, R J Hadlee, R A Pick, K Saxelby and M R Bore did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-20.

BOWLING: Pigott 13-3-33-0; Reeve 9-2-20-2; C M Wells 4-1-12-0; Gould 1-0-1-0; Parker 0.2 -0-5-0.

Umpires: H D Bird and J W Holder.

END COLUMN

Rice is not the retiring kind

By Ivo Tennant

Of the considerable qualities Clive Rice possesses, not the least is his constant quest for a challenge. Others would have balked at following Gary Sobers to Nottingham: for Rice it was another opportunity to put himself to the test. So is the NatWest Final today. No one will be competing harder than he and Richard Hadlee.

Rice sees this pride in performance as essential to the cricketer who comes to England from the colonies. "It is important to us that we give value for money," he says. He himself has strong ties with the mother country — his grandfather played for Oxford University.

In the 13 seasons Rice has been with Nottinghamshire they have achieved a level of success and played to standards that they did not know before. "Nothing matches what has been achieved in the time of Rice and Hadlee," Reg Simpson, the club's and England's former opening batsman, said. There is no doubt that several Nottinghamshire players in recent years have been in awe of them.

A conversation with Rice is invigorating. His mastery of public relations and tolerance of most fools owe something to a well-rounded education even if, like many of his countrymen, he is scored only for percussion. It follows that to Rice moderation is something of a vice. Cricketers who play under him for South Africa, Transvaal and Nottinghamshire know where they stand. And woe betide any of them if they are not physically fit.

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On South Africa's isolation from cricket and the world, Rice's views are predictable. He was just 22 when South Africa's 1971-72 tour of Australia, which would have been his first, was called off. It took him, he says, two seasons to recover and he still has little time for politicians who dictate to sports administrators.

Rice was the only South African to play in the recent MCC bicentenary match, initially with misgivings. It would have come as no surprise to those at home that, even at the age of 38, he won the award for fielding and scored an unbeaten half-century. "I had to succeed for the sake of South Africans," he said.

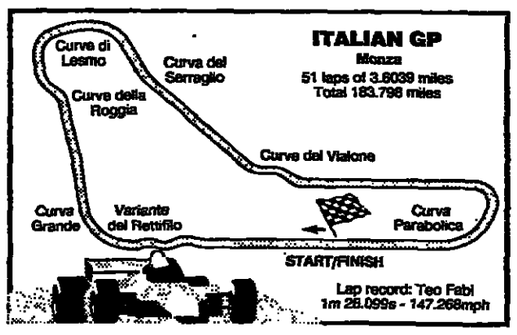
Tomorrow week, after 17,000 first-class runs at an average of 44 and nearly 500 wickets at 23 apiece, Rice retires from county cricket (he will continue to play for Transvaal and against "rebel" touring sides) to concentrate on his numerous business interests. He is well off and, true to character, is not ambiguous about his ambitions: "I want to make a lot of money." He does not subscribe to Phil Edmonds's view that it is possible to pursue that goal and play cricket all the year round.

Next summer Rice will be back in England on business. He has found a gap in the market that links sports clubs with sponsors. He will continue to hold on to his British passport but has no intention of settling here — "unless South Africa becomes uninhabitable.

"I was here one December and came out of a pub after lunch. The sun had gone in and it was so dark that I thought I must have been drinking all afternoon." Coping with the English climate is about the one challenge Rice can do without.

Mansell is to lose Honda power next season

From John Blunsden Monza, Italy



Nigel Mansell, on the day it was confirmed that he would be driving a car with a normally aspirated Judd engine next season, confirmed the superiority of the Canon Williams-Honda by claiming yet another provisional pole position in qualifying for the grand prix here tomorrow.

With Nelson Piquet second quickest in the team's other car, which has been equipped with experimental Williams-developed active suspension, Williams could well be on their way to a repeat of their one-two finish at Monza last season.

Asked about losing the power advantage of the Honda turbo in 1988, Mansell said: "I haven't had a chance to let the news sink in yet. I'll just have to sleep on it and meanwhile concentrate on getting the job done this weekend. It isn't going to be a walkover here by any means and judging by what I've discovered today the biggest problem looks to be fuel consumption."

The announcement that the Williams team, who have scored 20 grand prix victories since the start of their association with Honda, are to lose the use of the Japanese engine, has shocked many people. "I'm really amazed that they have dropped Frank," Jackie Stewart said. "They have achieved so much together."

It is widely thought that it is Frank Williams's insistence — which is shared by most other top team managers — that certain aspects of team operations should be left for the team itself to decide and not be dictated by outsiders that has led to the parting of the ways.

It is no secret that Honda expected Piquet to win the world championship last year and that the team would do everything to facilitate this, including slowing Mansell if necessary. Understandably, Williams baulked at this, as he did at the proposal that he should run a Japanese driver as a condition for continuing to use Honda power. In fact, there will still be a tenuous link next season for the first Judd 3.5-litre engines have been based on a Honda-manufactured cylinder block.

The identity of Mansell's 1988 partner has also yet to be revealed. Both Derek Warwick and Martin Brundle are candidates but the team's sponsors have hinted that they would prefer the second driver to be of another nationality, in order to maximize the international promotion of their sponsorship.

PRACTICE TIMES: 1, N Mansell (GB), Canon Williams-Honda, 1min 24.350sec; 2, N Piquet (Br), Canon Williams-Honda, 1:24.617; 3, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1:25.211; 4, T Boutsen (Bel), Benetton Ford, 1:25.250; 5, M Alboreto (It), Ferrari, 1:25.290; 6, A Prost (Fr), Marlboro McLaren-TAG, 1:25.340; 7 A Senna (Br), Camel Lotus-Honda, 1:25.535; 8, R Patrese (It), Brabham-BMW, 1:26.453; 9, T Sabi (It), Benetton Ford, 1:26.894; 10, S Johansson (Swe), Marlboro McLaren, 1:27.420, 11, D Warwick (GB), USF and G Arrows-Megatron, 1:27.543; 12, S Nakajima (Japan), Camel Lotus-Honda, 1:28.463; 13, R Arnoux (Fr), Ligier Loto-Megatron, 1:28.946; 14, E Cheever (US), USF and G, Arrows-Megatron, 1:29.273; 15, A Nannini (It), Minardi-Moderni, 1:29.738; 16, P Chinzani (It), Ligier Loto-Megatron, 1:29.896; 17, M Brundle (GB), West Zakspeed, 1:30.144; 18, C Danner (WG), West Zakspeed, 1:30.389; 19, A Campos (Sp), Minardi-Moderni, 1:31.094; 20, A Caffi (It), Lands and Eyr Oselle-Alfa Romeo, 1:32.768; 21, I Capelli (It), Leyton House March-Cosworth Ford, 1:34.205; 22, J Palmer (GB), Courtaulds Tyrrell-Cosworth Ford, 1:34.218; 23, F Fonni (Switz), Lands and Eyr Oselis-Alfa Romeo, 1:34.467; 24, P Alliot (Fr), Lamborghini-Lola Cosworth Ford, 1:34.748; 25, P Streiff (Fr), Courtaulds Tyrrell Cosworth-Ford, 1:34.760; 26, N Lanni (It), Colomi-Cosworth Ford, 1:38.460; 27, P Fabris (Fr), El Charro AGS-Cosworth Ford, 1:39.393; 28, A de Cesaris (It), Brabham-BMW 1:40.285.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Drivers: 1, Piquet, 54pts; 2, Senna, 43; 3, Mansell, 38; 4, Prost, 31; 5, Johansson, 19; 6, Berger, 9; equal 7, Alboreto and Boutsen, 6; 9, Fabi, 7; 10, Nakajima, 6; equal 11, de Cesaris, Cheever, Streiff and Palmer, 4; 15, Warwick, 3; equal 16, Brundle and Patrese, 2; =18, Alliot, Arnoux and Capelli, 1.

Constructors: 1, Williams-Honda, 93; 2, McLaren-TAG, 50; 3, Lotus-Honda, 49; 4, Ferrari, 17; 5, Benetton-Ford, 15; 6, Tyrrell-Cosworth Ford, 8; 8, Arrows-Megatron, 7; 9, Brabham-BMW, 6; 9, Zakspeed, 2; equal 10, March-Cosworth-Ford, Lola-Cosworth-Ford and Ligier-Megatron, 1.

FIA JIM CLARK CUP: 1, Palmer, 61pts; 2, Streiff, 45; 3, Fabi, 33; 4, Alliot, 25; 5, Capelli, 19.

FIA COLIN CHAPMAN CUP: 1, Tyrrell-Cosworth Ford, 106pts; 2, AGS-Cosworth Ford, 35; 3, Lola-Cosworth Ford, 25, 4, March-Cosworth Ford, 19.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Argentina ban lifts

Less than eight months after the Welsh Rugby Union vetoed a visit by an Argentinian youth side, it has decided the time is right to resume playing relations.

The countries participated in the World Cup during the summer — though not against each other — and yesterday Ray Williams, the WRU secretary, said: "We are not presently looking to send teams, but we have received a number of applications from Argentinian clubs, colleges and schools to play in Wales and we shall give them full consideration."

In control

England moved a step closer to qualifying for the European Cup when they overwhelmed Scotland 120-80 in the group C basketball tournament in Turkey yesterday.

RESULTS: England 120 (G Vaughan 23, C Irish 16, K Scott 16, M Spaid 16); Scotland 80; England 115 (Irish 28, Vaughan 24, Scott 23), Sweden 108.



Jenkins: due for release

Bail reduced

David Jenkins, the former European 400 meters champion, charged with trafficking steroids, is expected to leave San Diego jail next week. After Jenkins served three months in prison, a federal judge reduced his bail from $1 million (about £600,000) to $75,000 after his attorney agreed to turn over extensive bank records.

Test denial

Stuart Childerley, the European champion in the Finn yachting class, may be reported to the Royal Yachting Association after failing to report for a mandatory drugs test after Wednesday's racing at the Weymouth Olympic week. He claimed he could not take the test at the appointed time because he was testing his sails. "This took the drug testing out of my mind," he said.

Tour dates

Wales, who will test their undersoil heating at Cardiff when they stage a trial match on January 9, have also announced dates for next year's tour to New Zealand. Rod Morgan, the chairman of selectors, will manage the party of 26 for eight matches, including two internationals.

ITINERARY: May 16: v Waikato (at Hamilton); 21: v Wellington; 24: v Otago (Dunedin); 28: v New Zealand (Christchurch). June 1: v Hawkes Bay (Napier); 4: Taranaki (New Plymouth); 7: North Auckland (Whangarei); 11: v New Zealand (Auckland).